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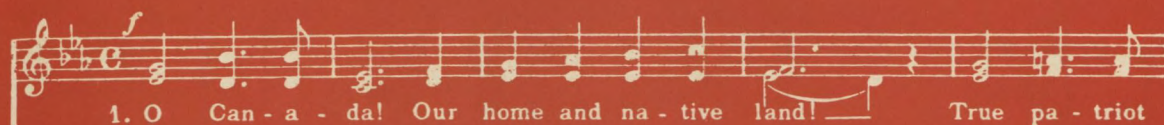
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## North of the Border

As the first women's fraternity to establish a chapter in Canada, ninety years ago this spring, we now salute the four college chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta which span Canada from coast to coast.

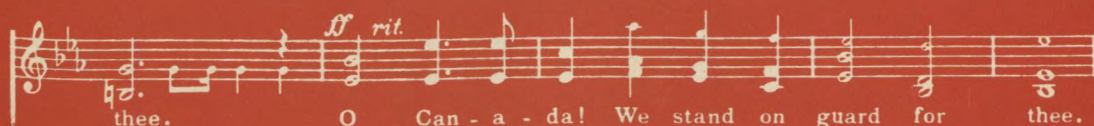
College chapters prosper in direct proportion to the alumnae support extended them. This issue of the *Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine* also seeks to recognize individual Thetas and alumnae organizations which have helped to keep our fraternity and the women's fraternity system alive in Canada, against greater odds than their American sisters have faced in the 90 years since Theta pioneered in Canada.

Just as Phi Gamma Delta had a definite and energizing effect on the founding of Kappa Alpha Theta, a men's fraternity was the catalyst that brought Theta to Canada for the first time in 1887. At the suggestion of Zeta Psi which had the first chapter of a men's fraternity in Canada, a group of seven young women, undergraduates at the University of Toronto, wrote to Alpha Chapter at DePauw for permission to establish a chapter. The Grand Convention made further investigation of the opportunity to extend the fraternity to Canada and the charter was granted in May 1887. A representative Anna Louise Benham Ewing was sent from Cornell to Toronto to initiate the seven young women and establish Sigma chapter. Sigma ceased to function in the spring of 1899, and the records do not show the cause of its temporary demise, nor was there any official notification to the fraternity.

Sigma returned to the role of active Theta chapters in 1905. This time seven members of a local, Delta Theta, bolstered by a larger women's enrollment from which to choose members, contemplated national affiliation, and again Kappa Alpha Theta was approached. Following a favorable report of the improved climate for women's fraternities at the University of Toronto and because we had previously had a chapter there, the petition for a charter won approval and the seven member of Delta Theta traveled to the Grand Convention at Swarthmore and were initiated and installed in the gymnasium, July 1905.

Although Sigma chapter returned its charter in 1941, it contributed to the fraternity some of its most distinguished members.

The following pages present an overview of the fraternity in Canada, its past and present. Its future belongs to those who cultivate the "fraternity idea" and remember that Theta is for a lifetime.





# University of British Columbia

## BETA UPSILON

*"Where pine and maples grow."*

Beta Upsilon members have represented Kappa Alpha Theta at the University of British Columbia for 47 years. The fraternity system there has experienced periods of prosperity and decline to a greater extent than its American counterpart, and the size and strength of the chapter has reflected the varying degrees of the popularity of the Greek system for both men and women.

The University of British Columbia was established in Vancouver in 1908 and moved to its present beautiful natural site on Point Grey in 1925. That same year a group of college women got together and formed a local club, Sigma Beta Pi. The following account was written recently by a charter member of this local club, Mrs. Edith Neroutsos who ironically and unfortunately never did become a Theta, yet she was delighted to sit down and put her thoughts on paper for Kappa Alpha Theta. Although she was hospitalized at the time of the interview she was eager to assist Editor Pat Hethrington with the material for this article.

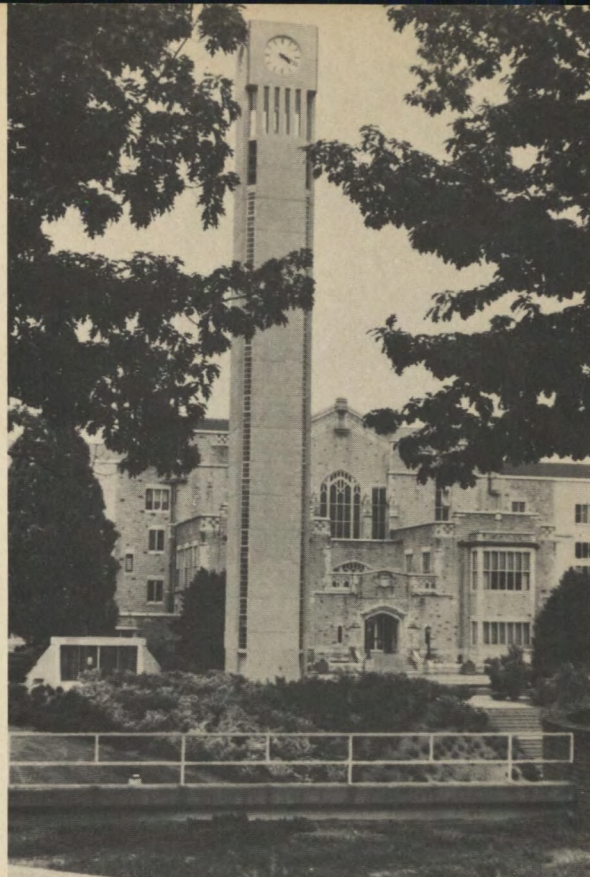
"Between 1925 and 1927 Beta Sigma Pi flourished at UBC. We all had such happy times at each other's homes and at various summer homes near the city. For several years no word of becoming an international fraternity was heard.

"In the late summer of 1927 I went with my parents and sister on a trip to Europe. In crossing beautiful Lake Maggiore in Italy by steamer, I noticed two very attractive girls about twenty years old. They were looking at my sorority pin, worn on the left side below the heart . . . supposed to be just the right place in those days. They plied me with questions and when they heard that we were beginning to consider "internationalizing" said that we must remember Kappa Alpha Theta. They were from Eta chapter at the University of Michigan.

"I took this information back home to our first meeting after my return to Vancouver, and the Sigma Beta Pi members were very enthusiastic. I can't remember how I learned of Miss Pearle Green (then Grand Secretary and Editor for Kappa Alpha Theta) or her address, but after a year or so of correspondence Miss Green arrived to look the local club over. The red carpet was rolled out, with mothers giving teas and luncheons. Also helping during this time were three alumnae from Sigma chapter in Toronto who were residing in Vancouver.

"As dates became more definite for the 'internationalization', there was lots of excitement, but I felt sad that I would not be there for the installation of Sigma Beta Pi into the grand and large fraternity, Kappa Alpha Theta. I was to be married a month before the initiation and would be leaving Vancouver to live in Montreal.

"Years went by and I would hear news of Beta Upsilon chapter from time to time. After World War II, I re-



*Library and clock tower at the University of British Columbia.*

turned to Montreal. A Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine addressed to a neighbour's two daughters, Thetas at McGill, was delivered to our home by mistake. I knew the girls slightly and thought I'd look through the magazine before returning it. Imagine my surprise when this incident of Beta Upsilon chapter at UBC, formed years before was referred to, the chance meeting of some Canadians and Americans on an Italian lake and the results!"

Through the hard work and persistence of Edith Neroutsos and many others, Beta Upsilon received its charter February 15, 1930. Members of Alpha Lambda from the University of Washington came for the initiation which took place at the Georgia Hotel.

For many years, the chapter held its meetings in members' homes, attics, dens or anything available. Women's fraternities have not been permitted to have houses.

In the early 1950's there were nine sororities at UBC and all were anxious for a place to meet on campus. The idea was there, and next came the hard part, the planning and building of a Panhellenic building. A fundraising committee representing all groups, collegians and alumnae was formed. Eventually the University Senate approved the building of a Panhellenic House. The University donated the land and the nine international women's fraternities involved loaned an equal share of money for the project to their local house corporations which was repaid over the years. Panhellenic House was officially opened November 18, 1960 with suites to accommodate the nine Panhellenic groups.

The school year at UBC is short and academic work is demanding. However the Greeks find time for shared social events and philanthropic projects such as Songfest and the Mardigras.





*Panhellenic House at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver.*

## Vancouver Alumnæ

The Theta alumnæ of Vancouver are for the most part members of Beta Upsilon, with Beta Chi of Alberta having the second largest representation. Through the years they have represented us faithfully in the Vancouver Alumnæ Panhellenic. At the present low ebb of fraternity interest in Vancouver, Theta alumnæ have the distinction of being the one organized sorority alumnæ group.

The Vancouver alumnæ once operated as an alumnæ chapter but reverted to club status in the early 1960's for good reason. They assumed the entire responsibility for amortizing the debt which occurred as a result of the loan which paid for Theta's share of Panhellenic House. This was an obligation of loyalty to Beta Upsilon and the fraternity. Principal, plus foreign exchange and interest payments were always met on schedule.

In recent years they have continued to be active in behalf of the college chapter, serving on the advisory board helping to maintain the interior and furnishings of the Beta Upsilon suite in Panhellenic House.

For several years they held a Flame Festival, similar to the flaming festivals which are the trademark of many American alumnæ groups. They have also sponsored an art show and they never miss a Founders' Day banquet with the chapter. For a change of pace last year they held a wine and cheese auction and a garage sale which netted

enough to buy new furniture for the chapter suite. For all this exertion and help for Beta Upsilon, the Vancouver Alumnæ club was recognized at Grand Convention as the club which had given the greatest support to a college chapter in the last biennium. In appreciation, the chapter honored the alumnæ at a tea in September.







*Beta Chi chapter house in Edmonton.*



University of Alberta

## BETA CHI

### *"great prairies spread"*

Among the 24,000 students at the University of Alberta in Edmonton are the 43 members of Beta Chi. They are joined by three other women's fraternities and eight men's fraternities in the Greek system of Alberta. The fraternity system there has been relatively stable in comparison to other Canadian campuses where Kappa Alpha Theta is chartered. While the number of Greek-affiliated students is but a very small percentage of the student body, the number of rushees available has enabled Beta Chi to maintain a chapter of an adequate number of members to function well, and this resource of members has been an important factor in their designation as the Outstanding Canadian Chapter at the past three Grand Conventions.

Beta Chi received its charter in September 1931 and is one of two Canadian chapters with a chapter house. Although the capacity of the house is only 15, it provides an opportunity for all members to live there on a rotating basis. Three alumnæ, Evelyn Ward Dickson, Sigma; Helen Blackburn Robertson, Alpha Lambda; and Gertrude Van Deliner Fleming, Alpha Sigma who were living in Edmonton are credited with being the moving force in the establishment of a Theta chapter at Alberta.



*Time out for studies.*



*President Barbara Wilson at "Little Sister" ceremony.*



## ALUMNAE IN ALBERTA



*Calgary alumnae presenting check for \$2000 for gymnasium equipment to Alberta Children's Hospital are L. to R. Beverly Simmons Berkhold, Anne Vallat Sparks, Catharine Robertson Moorish, Donna Rusnak Mallen, Janice Robertson and Joe Banashak of the hospital administration.*

### Calgary Alumnae Club

The Calgary Theta Alumnae Club has no college chapter in town on which to lavish its efforts and therefore maintains an alternate type of program built around worthwhile activities and philanthropy and fund-raising, requiring a large general participation of alumnae members in Calgary. The Calgary Club does however maintain ties with Beta Chi chapter. Because of the distance, contact is limited but they serve them by providing rush recommendations and a yearly gift to help improve the chapter house.

President Bev Berkhold writes about the outstanding Canadian alumnae club: "Calgary is a city of nearly one-half million people, nestled in the foothills of the Canadian Rockies. Most of the industry in and around Calgary is oil related or ranch oriented.

"The Calgary Alumnae Club has been continuously active for many years, maintaining a dues-paying membership of approximately 30. Six meetings a year include an annual cocktail party with escorts. The first meeting of the season is a potluck dinner hosted by the club officers. In the past the Founders' Day meeting has included a Chinese meal after the meeting. This year we will try a hearty soup, rolls, cheese and dessert. For the past few years the main money-raising effort has been a Tasting Party and Cookbook Sale. Other meetings have included presentations from organizations or businesses. A presentation on the restoration of Fort Calgary resulted in a

small contribution to the organization and ownership of 15 square inches of Fort Calgary.

"Last year the Calgary Alumnae donated a \$500 bursary to a female student in Library Science at the University of Alberta, known as the Flora MacLeod Bursary, named after a founding member of Beta Chi. The major philanthropic work has been in Calgary, represented by the donation of a recovery bed to Grace Hospital, an exercise bike and brailers to the Alberta Society for the Visually Impaired, and this year we presented \$2,000 worth of gymnasium equipment to the Alberta Children's Hospital."

### Edmonton Alumnae Club

President Gail Glouicki of the Edmonton Alumnae Club reports that the club's active membership is very young, but she notes that they receive tremendous support from the older alumnae who join them in activities with Beta Chi chapter. The group is characterized as close-knit, with a strong personal bond. The major goal and purpose of the Edmonton alumnae is to support the college chapter.

Monthly meetings held on chapter night provide an opportunity for alumnae to attend Beta Chi chapter meeting before going on to a member's home for a social and business meeting. Edmonton alumnae are extremely proud of their prize-winning chapter and eagerly await the graduation of the Beta Chi collegians into the ranks of the alumnae.





*Council Member Joyce Ault  
Cordon, Beta Psi*



*Jennifer Fyfe, Cathy Cassidy, Cathy O'Meara feasting after the pledging ritual.*

### *"and lordly rivers flow"*

Beta Psi chapter at McGill is one of few apartment dwelling chapters. Apartments have their advantages such as the possibility of moving to a larger one when your chapter jumps suddenly from 18 to 30 due to a very successful rush. The chapter meeting night "squeeze play" is a disadvantage but not entirely. "The limiting confines also make for close personal relationships and it is necessary to make a special effort to get along and keep the chapter running well."

Beta Psi is making an effort to "break out of its cocoon"



*Mary Boswell in the kitchen at the Beta Psi apartment.*

and become aware of the international aspect of the fraternity as well as becoming better acquainted with alumnae in Montreal.

Philanthropy heads the list of chapter events for Beta Psi. Thetas sold Teddybears for the Montreal Children's Hospital, held a junk-a-thon during Greek Week for the Federated Appeal, and a handcraft auction and two bake sales. They sang Christmas carols at a nursing home and when last heard from were organizing a dance-a-thon for the nine fraternities on campus.

Socially the Thetas hold square dances, attend the Panhellenic formal in force, and entertain other women's fraternities in their apartment. Parents are invited to a reception each year to meet the new pledges. A campus honor came to Beta Psi last year when they won the snow sculpturing prize with their entry of James McGill. The sixty dollar award was used to host a dinner for the members of the advisory board.

Ann Fairhurst was singled out for national honor last summer when she was selected as torch bearer for the Olympic Games. Ann ran the torch through the town of Facet. She was notified that the runners were behind schedule and when the preceding runner touched torches with Ann's she made up for lost time as the townspeople were out at 6:30 in the morning to cheer her on. When Ann exchanged the torch with the following runner, the flame was extinguished and she was allowed to keep the torch.





*Gamma Epsilon house on Cheapside Street, London, Ontario.*



## Western Ontario GAMMA EPSILON

*"to keep thee steadfast through the years"*



*Florence McDonough Scott, Gamma Epsilon, Grand Council 1966-68.*



*Living room of Gamma Epsilon chapter house.*

Like many another Theta chapter, Gamma Epsilon at the University of Western Ontario had its origin in a local group. However, the members of Pi Sigma who became Thetas were associated with a women's fraternity which already had three chapters in Canada. The petitioning group was evaluated for scholarship, financial soundness, housing and academic standing of the University, and found to meet the standards of a Theta chapter before it was granted a charter. Girls from Sigma chapter at Toronto were sent to interview the girls of Pi Sigma. Florence Scott, charter member of Pi Sigma went to Chicago to represent the petitioners before Grand Council.

In 1937 Grand President Jeanette Grasett with the help of the members of Sigma chapter initiated 19 college members and 24 alumnae into Kappa Alpha Theta. In this group were Dr. Carol Whittow Buck, first woman to be awarded a Ph.D. by this University; and Florence McDonough Scott who is still actively involved with the chapter.

From the beginning, Gamma Epsilon has enjoyed the advantage of owning a chapter house. The house has been in three different locations but the present address at 100 Cheapside St., is considered permanent.

Gamma Epsilon through the years has been a leader on the campus at Western Ontario. In September they will celebrate their 40th anniversary as a Theta chapter.



Canadian Stateswoman  
Women's Naval Commander  
Grand President 1938-42

## REMINISCENCES

By Adelaide Macdonald Sinclair

*Ed. note: It is a privilege to present this article by Adelaide Sinclair who has served her country and her fraternity with distinction . . . Commander of the WRENS in World War II, Deputy Assistant to the Canadian Commissioner of Welfare, Delegate to the United Nations.*

I am delighted to have a chance to contribute to a Canadian issue of *Kappa Alpha Theta* and to reminisce about nearly sixty years in Theta on both sides of the border.

In my college days in Toronto, Sigma was the only Canadian chapter. At times it felt strange and we told ourselves and anyone who would listen, that of course, we were "different." One who would not listen was our District President, Helen J. Wright of Syracuse. "Stop telling me you are different. You mean you think you are unique and really you are very like everyone else. Besides every Theta chapter is different from every other."

How right she was I learned in the next twenty years and I am sure it hasn't changed; and how much more interesting it is that way. Providing you share certain common objectives, the differences can be a source of strength and add greatly to one's enjoyment of the associations. Learning to live with them is a very good lesson to have learned if you find yourself having a career in the United Nations.

Between 1929 and 1937 Sigma was both pleased and proud that charters were granted to four new chapters in Canada. Beta Upsilon at the University of British Columbia, Beta Chi at the University of Alberta, Beta Psi at McGill University, Montreal, Gamma Epsilon at the University of Western Ontario. Distances on this continent being what they are the undergraduates seldom met except at conventions, but the alumnae are more mobile.

Digging back into the past brings so many people to mind. Bettie Locke Hamilton has been a legend for over one hundred years. I first met her at the 1932 convention at Estes Park, Colorado. We travelled on the Theta special train from Chicago—hot weather, no air conditioning, open windows which let in plenty of soot from coal burning engines. It sounds terrible? Perhaps it was, but we do pity those of you who are too young to have experienced this introduction to a convention.

Bettie Locke Hamilton was still her alert, determined self. It was not hard to believe that more than sixty years before she had been an enthusiastic and successful pioneer in the founding of women's fraternities.

She also believed in keeping the record straight. She said one day, "Do you know what they are teaching



Adelaide Macdonald Sinclair, Sigma

pledges now?" I was ignorant so she went on, "They teach them that at the first fraternity meetings we sat on the floor because we thought it democratic. Utter nonsense! We met in my home and we sat on the floor because there were not enough chairs."

I have talked of a Founder and my first District President. I must not omit the first Grand President I ever met who visited Sigma when I was a pledge. She was Hope Davis Mecklin. We had not the faintest idea of what to expect. She turned out to be tall, statuesque and in the fashion of the day her hat was one to remember, large, black, the crown surrounded by red poppies. Underneath the hat was one of the nicest people I ever met and our enthusiasm for Kappa Alpha Theta grew apace.

For those of my vintage there was also the one and only Grand Secretary and Editor, L. Pearle Green, who saw the fraternity through a great period of expansion, who appeared to know the names and addresses of everybody in it and who served with efficiency and devotion for many years during which I can assure you deadlines had to be met.

My recollections are by no means exhausted but space is. Looking back over the years which followed my active fraternity service I can now see many ways in which the experience gained stood me in good stead in quite different fields. When, during the war, I became Director of the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service there was something familiar about dealing with groups of women of all ages scattered in various parts of the country, needing training, housing, advice and sometimes discipline.

Thank you for giving me this chance to delve into the past and to express my thanks to Kappa Alpha Theta for all that the fraternity has meant to me.

ADELAIDE MACDONALD SINCLAIR



# TORONTO ALUMNAE CHAPTER

The Toronto Alumnae Chapter is the only Theta alumnae group in Canada with chapter status. That means that the group must meet all the requirements of any alumnae chapter which includes sending a delegate to Grand Convention. The Toronto Alumnae Chapter is made up largely of Sigma Thetas and since Sigma chapter was disestablished in 1941, the loyalty of these women must be applauded.

As alumnae chapter editor, Anna Hillery put it, they do "rather a lot." It is obviously their friendship for each other which holds a group together, particularly one which does not have a normal infusion of "new blood" from a college chapter. Anna Hillery describes Sigma chapter as one which attracted the best of the intellectuals and these women went on to make significant contributions in the professions and arts.

Toronto alumnae are philanthropy oriented with a theme, "to help other women." Their main project is Nellie's Hostile, a house with 24 hour service for women who need help and a place to stay for two weeks. The

women are referred by police or social agencies. They also support Plainfield Home for retarded infants and the Corbrook Sheltered Workshop for Handicapped Adults. Toronto Thetas have also helped Indian groups in Canada's far north.

They meet six times a year, usually at supper meetings, with a speaker, a Theta if possible.

Anna Hillery remembers a statement by Jeanette Grasett who visited Toronto when she was Grand President and was called upon to justify fraternities at the University. "They serve to stimulate a desire to bring out the highest ideals in womanhood. Fraternities on this continent would be of great value if they did nothing more than foster a unity between the two countries in friendship." Women's fraternities in Canada are continuing to serve the purposes Jeanette Grasett defined more than 40 years ago. The alumnae of Sigma chapter and the others who join them in the Toronto Alumnae Chapter have proved her point.

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## IN MEMORIAL

Former Theta Editor

Jane Rodgers Ratcliffe, Tau, immediate past editor of the *Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine*, died suddenly in Sarasota, FL, December 17, 1976. She and her husband Robert had recently moved to Sarasota.

Jane Ratcliffe received a journalism degree from Northwestern University, where she was the first woman desk editor of the campus newspaper. Following graduation she commenced a career in advertising which included positions as copywriter and Assistant to the Advertising Manager at department stores in the Chicago area, and in Washington, D.C. She was also a free-lance writer, publishing articles in the *Saturday Evening Post* and *Reader's Digest*.

Jane Ratcliffe joined the Theta Central Office Staff in 1972 and became editor of the *Magazine* in 1973, and served in that position until she retired in 1975.

She served on the Board of the Rehabilitation Institute and was a volunteer for the Evanston Historical Society. Besides her husband Robert, she is survived by a daughter, Jean Jacobus of Evergreen, CO; two sons, Rod, Minneapolis; and Bruce, Champaign, IL; three grandchildren, and a sister, Martha Hawxhurst.







*Theta's Panhellenic delegation: Jane Gallup, Ellen Hofstead, Marie Fitz and Joyce Cordon. Background is the Governor's Palace.*

## *the Williamsburg "Affair"*

From the moment we touched down at Patrick Henry Airport we knew we were on historic ground. The battlefield where the decisive victory of the Revolutionary War was won, was but a few miles away at Yorktown. Duke of Gloucester Street, The Palace Green, and North and South England Streets were visible reminders that the British once ruled this land which 200 years ago put the stamp of Freedom on the American conscience.

The fraternity leaders of America, men and women, alumni and collegians, converged on Williamsburg the first week in December to commemorate the founding of Phi Beta Kappa, the first American college fraternity 200 years ago. This was the Interfraternity Bicentennial Celebration and represented four conferences of Greek letter associations . . . the National Panhellenic Conference, the National Interfraternity Conference, the Professional Interfraternity Conference and the Professional Panhellenic Association. The four conferences are united under one common interest organization, the Interfraternity Research and Advisory Council, Inc. known as IRAC.

Although the purpose and the mood of the meeting was one of celebration, it was also a time for summing up, a statement of where fraternities stand today and a look at the future. Mrs. Alexander E. Jones, Alpha Phi NPC delegate, keyed the assembly with an enlightening summary of fraternities in the 200 years since they came into being at the College of William and Mary.

### **Early Fraternities Filled a Need**

The teen-age youths who launched Phi Beta Kappa as a secret society and social outlet to counter the bleak and austere life of students in Colonial America, were caught up in the Freedom fervor that was the rallying cry of the day. Literary and debating societies which were the hallmark of the early day fraternities were a strong force in college life, but even these academic pursuits were forbidden because they were carried on in the context of a social setting and in secrecy. Students created fraternities to fill a void in their lives and the momentum of fraternity growth has paralleled the ability of fraternities to provide the friendship factor . . . the brotherhood and sisterhood . . . the stimulus to achievement, and a sense of belonging.

Before the Civil War fraternities were a form of protest against authoritarianism. In modern times the emphasis has been that of a partnership with the college or university. Keynote speaker Betty Jones is the wife of a college president and speaks with authority when she says that the destiny of fraternity and the destiny of the University are intertwined. "We are good for each other," she declares and we feel intuitively that she knows what she is talking about.





*Margaret Chase Smith, Sigma Kappa, former Maine Senator was a featured speaker at the Bicentennial gathering.*

A prominent American and former Maine Senator, Margaret Chase Smith, a member of Sigma Kappa, addressed a luncheon at which she urged the collegians attending to continue their emphasis on leadership, to be defenders of excellence and to strive to make excellence and civility contagious. She praised fraternities for their stabilizing influence during the period of student unrest.

The Interfraternity Research and Advisory Council named twelve fraternity members as Bicentennial Award Winners for their contributions in various phases of American life. The winners are Neil A. Armstrong, Phi Delta Theta, former astronaut; Tom C. Clark, Delta Tau Delta, former Supreme Court Justice; Joan Ganz Cooney, Kappa Alpha Theta, creator and director of Sesame Street; Aaron Copland, Phi Mu Alpha, composer; Walter Cronkite, Chi Phi, radio-TV news correspondent; Charles Luckman, Tau Beta Pi, architect and business leader; Sylvia Porter, Phi Sigma Sigma, financial writer; Ronald Reagan, Tau Kappa Epsilon, government and the arts; Margaret Chase Smith, Sigma Kappa, former U.S. Senator; John G. Tower, Kappa Sigma, U.S. Senator; Virginia Y. Trotter, Alpha Delta Pi, Undersecretary of HEW for Education.



*June Eide Greiner of Minneapolis attended the conference with her husband Peter Greiner, a Beta Theta Pi who is the president of the National Interfraternity Conference. She is an Alpha Mu Theta.*



*Other Thetas at Williamsburg were left to right: Loydette Hoof, CDP District XVII; Ann Burr, Panhellenic president at Iowa State; Sue Hollenbeck and Kathy Eason of Beta Lambda at William and Mary.*





Joan Ganz Cooney, Beta Delta

## Genius of "Sesame Street" Honored by Fraternity World

By Nancy Luton Tynan, Alpha Theta

Joan Ganz Cooney, Beta Delta, University of Arizona and president of Children's Television Workshop was one of twelve outstanding fraternity members honored at the Interfraternity Bicentennial Celebration in Williamsburg.

*Sesame Street* had been on the air for a year when our first son began to watch it in the fall of 1970. For the past six years, that show for preschoolers and its spin-off, the *Electric Company* aimed at 6-9 year olds, have been a part of the lives of our family, entertaining and educating with humor and good taste.

Our three sons are a miniscule part of the estimated nine million young people who see *Sesame Street* regularly, but a more enthusiastic audience would be difficult to find. Therefore, I felt we owed Joan Ganz Cooney, originator of *Sesame Street*, a large debt of gratitude, and when the opportunity arose to interview her, I felt privileged and excited.

Now president of Children's Television Workshop (CTW) which produces the two shows, Joan Cooney oversees the workings of the corporation as any chief executive might. But she keeps in close touch, particularly with *Sesame Street Magazine*, helping direct its contents with suggestions and criticisms.

*Sesame Street* and the *Electric Company* are Public Television programs and raising money consumes the majority of Joan Cooney's time, since the startup costs and sustaining of non-commercial television enterprises require millions of dollars. This year one-third of the six million dollars needed to keep it on the air will come from the sale of toys, books and magazines using CTW themes.

Decreasing grants from the government and public TV have necessitated curtailing production of *The Electric Company* at the end of this season. It will remain on the air for three years in reruns, Joan Cooney noted, "and perhaps by that time new research will justify further filming and a grant will be forthcoming."

Just such research is beginning to appear. A recent nationwide government survey credits the two CTW shows along with Head Start for contributing to the rise in reading levels among third graders in disadvantaged areas. Such reinforcement is encouraging, but still more

money is needed to fund new projects such as the history series for adults now in production and what Joan Cooney called, "health minutes: spot announcements concerning health practices that will air on commercial television." *Beauty and the Beast*, a recent program on commercial TV was a CTW venture under the Palm Production name.

Mrs. Cooney also described a "science magazine" CTW hopes to get funded that would aim at fourth through eighth graders. "The program would help teach young people how to think as well as giving them something to think about. We didn't know what the ozone layer was until we started destroying it with spray cans. We need to know what some of the trade-offs will be for the future."

Making her TV products "look and feel like entertainment so that children would switch from cartoons" has continued to be a motto for Joan Cooney. That the medium is a powerful and positive educational tool has been proven by her and Children's Television Workshop. But she is just as concerned about its use for teaching violence, not only to young people, but to adults.

"The stylized violence present in cartoons should take care of the need for violence some experts feel children need," she commented. "That's not what worries me. Children know cartoons aren't real. It is the live action violence that children and adults learn from."

Parents must be willing to control what their children see on TV, even if it means changing the channel or turning off the set, she urged.

Having now met Joan Cooney and having had a chance to thank her for her contribution to constructive entertainment for children, I know we should all be grateful that part of the power for the positive use of TV is in such capable hands. Joan Cooney belongs among the honored names not only in the fraternity world but among all those who are constructively and with good conscience using resources created by American ingenuity.



## OMAHA THETAS' GIFT



*Pictured in front of the replica of the Gerald Ford birthplace are master-builder Robert Mosher; Jane Beeder, alumnae president; Linda Buck, past president; Alice Di Biase and Mary Gay Gordon, project co-chairmen.*

## FORD BIRTHPLACE

### Miniature Restoration

*Excerpts from an article by Tom Plambeck in the Omaha World Herald.*

What began as a search for a new fund-raising project for the Omaha Thetas, instead turned out to be a donation of historical importance to the City of Omaha. An original plan to have a doll house built and then raffled for the benefit of the Institute of Logopedics and the Omaha Hearing Center, eventually evolved into a miniature restoration of President Ford's birthplace which has been given a permanent place of honor on display in a memorial building being erected on the site of Gerald Ford's birthplace which had been destroyed by fire several years ago.

Robert Mosher of Omaha is a carpenter of normal size structures, and building a model of President Ford's birthplace was a difficult undertaking. An old photo, a few firsthand accounts from extenants, a postman and assorted delivery persons and a knowledge of homes of the era were all Mosher had to start his model.

What do you do with a Presidential doll house, complete with electric lights and workable doors and windows? The Thetas weren't looking for a Presidential doll house at the outset; they simply wanted a colonial type miniature home. It sounded simple. Looking through the want ads, they were attracted to Robert Mosher's ad under carpentry work. Would he like to try a model doll house?

Mosher recalls that the idea of a Southern colonial doll house caught his imagination and he said yes, he could build it. Like many home builders, the Thetas changed plans in mid-stream, and decided on the Ford birthplace. Mosher thought this was even more of a challenge and started construction. It developed into a major undertaking on which he worked nearly 1,900 hours.

The detail work is incredible. Each of the 30 windows is made of 20 separate pieces. Each paneled door has 27 separate parts and all windows and doors open and close.

Mosher at first constructed the fireplaces on a straight line with an interior wall, but when he was told by a former resident that the fireplaces were on an angle, he reconstructed them to her descriptions. The fireplaces have miniature logs and real brass and irons.

All the lights in the house run off a 12-volt transformer. There are four brass chandeliers and two hall lights. Robert Mosher carried the detail down to the pattern on the baseboard molding. Instead of a plain molding, he used a tool designed for making the decorative checkering on rifle stocks to groove the moldings so it was similar to the molding used at the time the home was built.

All the parts were painted or stained and sanded individually and then assembled and installed in the house. The bannistered stairway alone has over 600 individually stained and varnished pieces. Some of the walls are paneled and varnished. Others are painted and trimmed in gold, and some are papered. The roof has 22 square feet of vinyl tile cut and painted to look like slate.

As the doll house neared completion, the Omaha Thetas decided that it was too delicate and too intricate to be used as a toy. Mosher and the Thetas contacted James Paxson, the Omaha businessman who is building a memorial on the Ford birthsite, to see if he would be interested in the model for display at the memorial. He replied that there would definitely be a place for it and what was to have been a fund-raising project became a donation. Theta alumnae dug deep into their purses to come up with the money that would have been raised by a raffle.

Through the efforts of the Thetas of Omaha and the craftsmanship of Robert Mosher, the people of Omaha have a unique model of President Ford's birthplace.





Jean Hamilton Runyon, Omega

## The Witch of Tivoli Street

The Halloween witch crouching on the roof on Tivoli Way, throwing candy and treats to the hundreds of youngsters who appear below, is the same Jean Hamilton Runyon who is listed in "Who's Who in American Women" and Who's Who in the World." It may be a holdover from her major in dramatic arts at the University of California at Berkeley and the acting career she abandoned when she married S. Mercer Runyon, but her associates in Sacramento consider it a most significant community service. She has been doing it for 15 years.

Being a yearly witch may not have contributed to Jean's national recognition, but the way she has served in the Cancer Society, City of Hope, Sacramento County Blood Bank, Sacramento Safety Council, Salvation Army, United Way and Children's Home to name a few certainly did. She also engineered a measles inoculation campaign that resulted in 85% success.

National listings are not the only honors Jean has received. She was given a Presidential Citation for Distinguished Service—Ford Foundation Grant for 1966-1971, the United Way Distinguished Community Service Award in 1974-75, and was the first woman to be named "PR Man of the Year" by the Sacramento Public Relations Round Table.

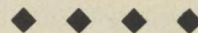


Louise Hatfield Stickey, Alpha Tau at far right with her sister Miss Virginia Hatfield and President Ford at the dedication of the Frederick Remington bronze "The Bronco Buster" in the Oval Office, July 13, 1976.

## Historical Gift to White House

"The 'Bronco Buster' which you gave to the White House some time ago is on display here in my office and I certainly enjoy having it in this location. It was very thoughtful of you to want the White House to have this important piece of sculpture . . ."

The above is an excerpt from a letter from the White House signed Jerry Ford. The letter was addressed to the members of the family of the late James T. Hatfield of Covington, KY, owner of the fine piece of Frederic Remington's sculpture, titled "The Bronco Buster." Mrs. Louise Hatfield Stickney, Alpha Tau Cincinnati, with her sister Virginia Hatfield, had the honor of making the presentation to President Gerald Ford. When the Hatfield family made the offer of the Remington piece, it knew the acceptance had to come through the Committee For the White House. It takes only the finest examples of American art. It stands on a mahogany pedestal made by White House artisans in the prestigious Oval Office.



It's a Kite, like a Theta Kite  
Made of Golden Light and Shadow  
Hung by the moon in our rooms last night.

It's a kite made to catch a dream,  
Hold it tight 'til we awaken  
As if to tell us our dreamin's alright.

Willow McGinley, Nu





*Anniversary picture at University Club of Michigan State.*



*Frances Ayers Seely, playing original composition for returning Beta Pi's.*

## BETA PI'S 50th

Twenty-three charter members of Beta Pi chapter returned to East Lansing last spring for the chapter's 50th anniversary.

The memorable day, May 13, 1976 started with coffee and punch in the chapter house hosted by non-Beta Pi members of the Lansing-East Lansing Alumnæ Chapter. The living room at the house was filled with composites and scrapbooks of memorabilia spanning the 50 years.

The party moved to the University Club at Michigan State University for the birthday luncheon. A skit, written in poetry by Sue Hurd Dutmers, alumnæ president was the background for a style show in which Beta Pi alumnæ depicted the customs and clothes of the eras since the founding of the chapter.

Special violin music was provided by Francis Ayers Seely, playing her own composition, "Michigan Suite." Alumnæ gifts for the birthday added up to \$1200, which purchased a handsome credenza, two flanking chairs and wall sconces for the chapter house.





*Sue Pooler Wagner, Beta Delta*

## Reno Theta in Top Ten

Sue Wagner of Reno has been named one of the Ten Outstanding Young Women of the Year for 1976. This program is sponsored annually by women's organizations, and honors young women for civic and professional achievement. Sue Wagner was sponsored by the Reno Business and Professional Women's Club and the Reno chapter of the American Association of University Women.

Two years ago, as a relative newcomer to her Reno community, Sue Pooler Wagner, Beta Delta, Arizona, filed for the legislature and became one of just a few women in the Nevada State Assembly. She has indeed made her mark in Nevada politics. So effective an assemblywoman is Sue Wagner that no one of either party filed against her this year.

Her campaign strategy for her first campaign was unique, low-budget and successful. Months before campaign time, she rang doorbells and became acquainted with people in her district. She enlisted those who would help. She made signs in her garage. When the time came for active campaigning, she was ready; and her friends and supporters were solidly behind her. She tallied an overwhelming majority of the votes.

Sue Wagner's experience and education provide an excellent basis for public service. She has a BA in political science from the University of Arizona and an MA in history from Northwestern University. She has been a newspaper reporter, a teacher of government and history and an assistant to the Dean of Women at Ohio State. Her community involvements include service on the Mayor's Citizen's Advisory Commission, Chairman of the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Housing for Washoe County and service on the board of directors of the Northern Area Substance Abuse Council, to name but a few substantial community efforts.



*Carrie Nelle Moyer Thompson, Delta Zeta*

## Atlanta's "City Shaper"

Carrie Nelle Moyer Thompson, Delta Zeta, Emory was recently selected by *Atlanta Magazine* as one of 100 "city shapers helping to mold Atlanta's future." She is the Southeastern Regional Director of the United States Committee for UNICEF; in this capacity she supervises UNICEF activities in eight southeastern states.

Carrie Nelle's leadership capabilities were apparent at Emory where she was in the honors program and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and Mortar Board. She was a John Gordon Stripe Scholar and "Emory Wheel." She was also pledge education chairman for Delta Zeta.

In 1974 Emory University nominated her as one of the "Outstanding Young Women of America." In addition to her UNICEF activities she has served on the board of Metro Atlanta YWCA, chaired International Women's Year, and was Vice-President of the Emory Alumni Assn.

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It was a place of fanfare,  
created by the inhabitants  
who shared one roof;  
Signaling to me of joyous moments  
and smiles of exuberancy,  
often accompanied by tears  
of acknowledgement  
—to everything.

A place where everyone recognized  
his season;  
to be the court's jester  
or the child's guiding hand.  
They called it the Theta house,  
—we called it home.

PATRICIA LEARY, *Gamma Mu*





*Marie Schroeder Whitney with replica of her home.  
Photo by Bert and Richard Morgan Studio.*

## Vanderbilt Dollhouse Shown for Charity

A 4,000 pound dollhouse with its own maintenance staff is the present project of a Theta alumna from Beta Omicron chapter at the University of Iowa. She is Marie (Marylou) Schroeder Whitney.

The Cornelia Vanderbilt Whitney Dollhouse has its own caretaker, housekeeper and electrician and is an exact replica of Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney's Lexington, Kentucky mansion, 200-year-old Maple Hill.

This 13-room Southern mansion miniature, constructed on a one-inch equals one-foot scale, with such furnishings as a carved ivory abacus, sterling silver mint julep cups with ice and mint leaves, Cornelius Whitney's racing binoculars, an enameled box with diamond ring tucked inside and other such magnificent miniatures, is exhibited around the country for charity.

The dollhouse, the project of Marylou, took more than seven years to construct and furnish and is usually housed in its own special building on the 540 acre horse farm of the Whitneys. When she is home the dollhouse is the private domain of the Whitney's 16 year old daughter Cornelia.

The dollhouse has been shown five times in different parts of the country since its completion last fall, all showings to benefit charity. It takes two weeks to prepare the miniature residence for travel. The thousands of pieces must be cleaned. "Like any other house it gets dirty," Marylou Vanderbilt reports. The intricate electrical systems must be checked. Then each piece is packed in its own box, placed in its room's container and a small moving van carts the replica.

Marylou Whitney hopes one day that the dollhouse will stand in a museum where children can enjoy it.



*Mary Lou Cozzens surrounded by her foreign student friends.*

## Local "Foreign Aid"

Doing more than her part toward international understanding is Mary Lou Cozzens, University of Oklahoma graduate and Oklahoma City Alumnae Chapter member. Mary Lou has placed 60 to 70 foreign students each year, to live for six months or a year with Oklahoma families, through an organization known as "Youth for Understanding." She is presently coordinator for the Central Oklahoma District and area representative. Mary Lou and her husband have six children of their own, all too young at present to participate. The Cozzens have had eight foreign students from seven countries living in their own home. Mary Lou has also served as a supervising parent accompanying students to and from this country. Her work is entirely on a volunteer basis. She and two of the children from foreign countries appeared on an Oklahoma City Theta Alumnae program last year.

MARION HURST



*Happiness is a three generation Theta family. The three Thetas in this picture all hail from District I. When Jackie Klinger was initiated into Delta Sigma chapter at Ball State last May, her grandmother Etta Burns Jennings, DePauw, left, and her mother Jo Stratton Klinger, Butler, right, were present at the ceremony.*





Gladys Bell, Beta Omega

### Denver Woman of the Year

At its annual Awards Luncheon, the Denver Area Panhellenic named Gladys Colette Bell, Beta Omega, as its Woman of the Year. She was presented the award by last year's recipient, Martha Springsteen Macomber, also a Theta.

Gladys was chosen for many years of talented service to Kappa Alpha Theta, her involvement in countless community service projects, her accomplishments in the academic world, and her guidance in the panhellenic program at the University of Denver. Besides 19 years as Dean of Women at DU, she also served as a national officer of the National Association of Deans of Women, president of the American Association of University Women, and national president of Alpha Lambda Delta from 1945-1950.

"My activities didn't end with retirement in 1963," Gladys says. "If you have good health, live a long time, like people and are willing to work without pay most of the time, you can have a lot of nice things happen to you. After retirement I was appointed Alumnæ District President of Kappa Alpha Theta." She also became a board member of the Women's Library Association at Denver University.

Among her many honors are having been named outstanding faculty woman by the Association of Women Students at DU in 1958. In 1975, she was selected by the Denver branch of the American Association of University Women for its Bicentennial project as one of six women considered outstanding in their field.

SUE RATCLIFFE FLEMING

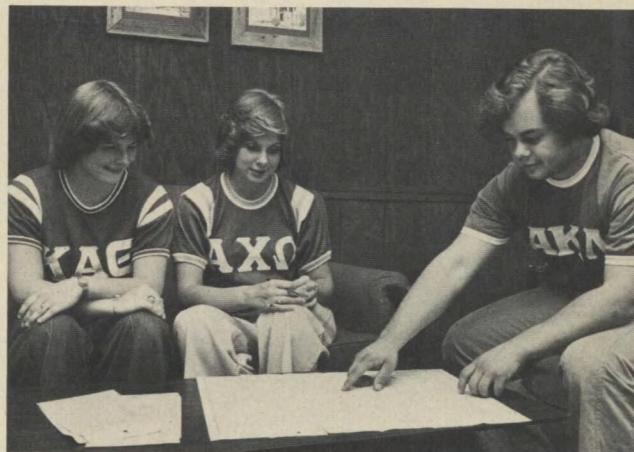


Randi Sigmund Smith, Beta Lambda, teaching class in communication skills.

### Hartford Communication Specialist

Randi Sigmund Smith, Beta Lambda, William and Mary is an independent Management Consultant and Communications Specialist. She has developed and taught courses in effective communication for major corporations and government agencies, including Control Data International, Mutual of New York, Connecticut General, Pitney Bowes and American Optical.

Randi Smith of the Hartford Alumnæ Chapter is developer and instructor for the Brandon Systems Institute courses on effective written and verbal communications in data processing. She teaches business writing and effective presentations. She is a member of the consulting staff and instructor in management communication at the Hartford Graduate Center, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.



One of the largest United Way campaigns ever undertaken in Moscow, Idaho involved some 325 University of Idaho fraternity and sorority members who canvassed the city and its environs this fall, distributing information and collecting donations and pledges. Pictured here is Ann Stevenson of Beta Theta show with two of the planning committee members . . . fellow Greeks.





*Patricia Duncan in the tallgrass of Kansas.*

## AN AMERICAN LANDSCAPE

The Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service has a Bicentennial exhibition: **THE TALLGRASS PRAIRIE: AN AMERICAN LANDSCAPE** by Patricia DuBose Duncan, Alpha Iota. The exhibition is a documentation of the historic prairie and the prairie as it is today.

*The Historic Prairie* section was prepared by Patricia Duncan through five years of careful research in gathering text and illustration. This section contains material from the journals of first-hand observers such as Coronado, Lewis and Clark, Long, Catlin, Washington Irving, and others, as well as photo reproductions of paintings, drawings and photographs by Audubon, Nuttall, Catlin, Tixier, Curtis and many others depicting the prairie as it was. This section covers such topics as The Land, The Rivers, The Plants, The Birds, The Insects and Reptiles, The Mammals, Native Americans, The Explorers, The Settlers, and The Architecture.

*The Prairie Today* section contains over 100 color and sepia tone photographs by Patricia Duncan covering the natural landscape, grasses, flowers, mammals, insects, architecture, the people and many other topics.

**TALLGRASS** tells the story of prairie land and people and it is a monument to the creativity of Patricia Duncan. The exhibit is available through 1978 and can be sent anywhere in the United States.

## Scholarship Honors Purdue Theta

A scholarship named in honor of Harriet Benjamin Van Ness, Purdue has been given to the American Association of University Women by the Valpariso branch of which she is a charter member and former president. The A.A.U.W. grants fellowships to American and foreign women scholars completing Ph.D. degrees or entering such fields as law and medicine. Mrs. Van Ness served nine years as trustee of Purdue University and her many civic and educational activities have earned her a place in "Who's Who of American Women."

## Theta Professor Nominated

If high quality teaching were measured by the desire to teach, Edwyna Gilbert, associate professor of curriculum and instruction at Kansas University, would break the scale. She says she wants to teach "forever."

"I don't think anyone can be a teacher" she is quoted as saying, "You have to want to do it."

Edwyna Gilbert is a member of Alpha Mu chapter. She came to the University of Kansas in 1962 and has served on the Kappa chapter advisory board. She earned her doctorate at KU and her teaching speciality is "Teaching Language Arts in the Secondary Schools," a methods class for student teachers. The esteem in which she is held by KU students is indicated by her nomination for the HOPE Award. Those letters stand for Honor to an Outstanding Progressive Educator. The selection will be made by senior students.



# SPOTLIGHT ON CLUBS

## Achieving Clubs Earn Convention Awards

### Iowa City



Julie Schmidt and Kathy Rittler at the Easter Boutique sponsored by the Iowa City Alumnae Club.

To the collegiate members of Beta Omicron chapter at the University of Iowa, the alumnae members in the Iowa City Club are their guardian angels. Maybe this has something to do with the fact that the Iowa City Alumnae Club was sighted for its "continuing excellence" at the Grand Convention in June.

Mary Lee Kruse the club president tells their success story:

"The success of the Iowa City Alumnae Club is due to several factors during the past few years. There is a close relationship with Beta Omicron chapter in our city which provides a direct stimulus to our activities. The alumnae enjoy being with the girls and the active chapter has enjoyed several joint functions with us. We have tried to provide a mixture of programs at varied times of the day to meet with the mixed time schedules of the members of our club.

"Three years ago we held an Easter Boutique to benefit a local philanthropy and the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation. We feel that many women who had dropped 'social groups' in favor of jobs or a return to school, came back to the alumnae group because we had a definite purpose. Also, the weekly workshops that were held prior to the boutique provided a chance for many women to really get to know each other while they visited and worked on items for the boutique.

"Our success also has been the result of many women who have willingly served on alumnae corporation and advisory boards. Each one has done her job thoroughly, spreading the responsibility among many.

"Another aid to our program has been the computer printout. We have personally contacted all lost, new and inactive members and several alumnae have rejoined the group or supported us financially after having dropped out for several years."



Patty Grabinski, center, Iowa City alumna and pledge advisor to Beta Omicron presents pledge pillows to Kathy Fleming and Kim Norris.



### Thetas in London

The Kappa Alpha Theta Club of London, England began at a coffee get-together, Christmastime 1968. Beryl Nowlin McCleary, Gamma Phi chapter, Texas Tech organized the gathering by rounding up eight Thetas. Now there are 12-14 Thetas who meet for lunch six or eight times a year. They have a president, treasurer and of course a recommendation board chairman. Three members of the original group are still in London and attending Theta meetings, others have come and gone.

The Thetas in London are either married to Englishmen or their American husbands have been transferred there for a period of time in their employment.

Susi Hudson of Gamma Upsilon reports that the first meeting she attended in 1973 attracted eight Thetas, and two of them were from her own high school in Indianapolis. The roster changes frequently. Thetas living in the London area are invited to contact Mrs. Nicholas Hudson, 11 Wendela Close, White Rose Lane, Woking, Surrey, England GU22 7JU.





*Edwina Harrison Covington, right, hostess to Beta Zeta pledges at annual picnic. From left, pledges Lisa Stein-camp, Karen Carmichael, and Dru Covington.*

## Stillwater, Oklahoma



*Sally Foster, BZ president watches as ADP Dana Wolfe presents convention award gavel to Ruth Wilbur.*

The Theta Alumnæ Club of Stillwater, Oklahoma, the home of Beta Zeta chapter was recognized at Grand Convention as the "Best club in a college town." Karen White reports, "The presidency of the Stillwater Alumnæ Club is a pleasant experience due to the total cooperation of its members. Each member contributes to the club's activities and helps foster a feeling of accomplishment and good fellowship. Activities are aimed at support of local and national philanthropies. This alumnæ group consciously strives to promote the idea of "Theta For a Lifetime" to the college members by involving them in many activities. Alumnæ feel that this helps the members of the two groups feel like an extension of each other rather than two separate entities."



*Anchorage Thetas who helped with the Panhellenic tea pose for their Magazine picture.*

## Anchorage

Alaska, our largest, yet least populated state, may seem isolated and its inhabitants snowbound, but that is far from the truth. It is true that most everyone here came from the "lower 48" but even the snows of winter cannot restrict activity. Anchorage women are very active and involved. Even so, when I called those busy Thetas last spring with the idea of forming an alumnæ club, they responded enthusiastically.

Our club is unique. Since no active chapter of any NPC fraternity exists in our state, all of our members attended college "outside." In fact 21 different college chapters are represented by our 34 members.

There is only one other organized NPC fraternity alumnæ club in Anchorage, so Panhellenic serves as a link for most Greek women. Therefore, we Thetas were delighted to hostess the Panhellenic Membership Tea, which raises money for scholarships. One-third of our members came to the tea, the largest number representing any sorority. Our goal for the future is to work with Panhellenic to see that Anchorage girls are informed about rush and to see that they have recommendations.

JANE ANCHAN





*Bronxville Club Officers, l. to r., standing: Joanne Murphy, publicity and public relations; Anne Harrison, Panhellenic representative; seated, l. to r.: Judy Clark, vice-president; Irene Field, president.*

## BRONXVILLE

### Fraternity Trends . . . A Magnet Program

Success doesn't necessarily come in large numbers. The Bronxville, NY Alumnæ Club is an outstanding example of what can be accomplished by a small number of members who have not lost sight of the purpose of their group. Because they are an alumnæ unit of Kappa Alpha Theta, the Bronxville Thetas have built an outstanding program for Fraternity Trends. For this they were recognized at Grand Convention for having the best Fraternity Trends program among clubs. This program is the single most important ingredient of this club, keeping its members informed and aware of happenings in our fraternity and the fraternity world.

This awareness has led to other successes as it has pointed up to the group the importance of focusing the attention of the local public on Greek organizations.

Irene Field, Bronxville Club President shares the success story:

"Ours is a small club made up of energetic, imaginative Thetas with many community and volunteer commitments, homes and children, and in some cases . . . jobs and careers.

"In spite of all these time-consuming activities, we still enjoy a large attendance at most all functions and meetings. Our programs are evidently good enough to draw local interest and publicity. In fact, we often hear comments about Theta being much more active in our area than any other sorority or fraternity.

"I believe the most important reason our club is so successful is the fact that each member still cares and has not lost sight of the fact that our organization is one to be

enjoyed for a lifetime. There is no cut-off date for Theta. Each one of our members, no matter how busy or what age, enjoys the other friendships and takes an active part in all our community and social functions sponsored by the Theta Alumnæ Club.

"It also helps if each Theta remembers and truly believes that her alumnæ group can be an inspiration and help in guiding and shaping the lives of future Greek women in our colleges and universities. We can still be an example in our good works for the young lady starting her adult life in our "home away from home."

"Each year our club finds new members through the latest printout. We try to go to see the new member in groups of three Thetas rather than only writing a note or only making a telephone call. This doesn't give a prospective member a chance to be shy.

"We are planning our second spring "Recognition Tea" honoring outstanding women in our area. (See pg. 28 winter Magazine). This event brought us a lot of attention and favorable publicity. It has also brought more deserved respect for our fraternity for many women have already expressed their hopes to be invited to our tea. A woman judge award recipient has framed her scroll and has it hanging in her chambers.

Because we have only 35 dues-paying members each member realizes she has to take an active part in all our programs and projects.

Our two key reasons for such an active club are friendship for each other and devotion to Theta."





*Theta husbands serving shrimp stuffed artichokes are Irvin Miller and Jack Debolt. Denise Klaviter, left, and Jane DeBolt, and Jane Diedrick are being served by the "Galloping Gourmets".*

The Chicago-South Suburban Alumnæ Club has been judged the best Theta club in a non-college town. Its members say that it is a non-competitive, loosely structured organization in which a sense of humor and respect for one another is obvious.

"Friendliness and warmth are apparent and each member new or old, feels truly welcome. It is the sincerity in our open arms approach that creates a bond.

"Theta truly means caring and sharing. Most of our members are busy, active, service-minded people with interests ranging from Theta Projects, local charities and church projects to full time employment. We have developed a cohesive fellowship in working together. Our Thetas give of themselves and are loyal and thoughtful. We respond instantly if any of the membership needs help.

"Attending a meeting, social or brown bag lunch is not a financial burden to any of our members. The burden of cost is not placed on any hostess. If a meal is involved, we all contributed. Socials are on a shared cost basis.

"We are truly a synergistic organization where each member is valuable in herself but the total effectiveness of the group is greater than the sum of its membership."

The Chicago South Suburban Club features a social activity each month. Featured in this article is the "Galloping Gourmets" held in February where the husbands plan, prepare, cook, service and cleanup a dinner. Everything on the menu is made from scratch, and served with domestic and imported wines. Last year's menu follows:

ANTIPASTO  
SHRIMP STUFFED ARTICHOKEs    LOBSTER BISQUE  
CAESAR SALAD  
TENDERLOIN OF BEEF WITH MUSHROOM CAPS  
CHEESE DOUBLE BAKED POTATOES  
HOME BAKED BREAD  
STINGERS

## Chicago-South Suburban

Best in a Non-College Town



*Jane Diedrick's husband Robert displays his homemade bread.*





Left to right: Phoenix Thetas Marian Paoletti, benefit chairman; Sarabeth Moore, president; and Sue Strohson, immediate past president meet to discuss plans for the County Kitchen benefit.

## large alumnae chapter in a college town

## PHOENIX is number one

What does it take to be judged the most outstanding alumnae chapter among 85 chapters in the country? The Alumnae District President, Barby Wright reporting to the Alumnae Committee of Grand Council tells it this way about Phoenix. "You already know they are perfect—they are older and keep getting better!"

Sarabeth Moore, the Phoenix Alumnae Chapter President gives her views on the Thetas she knows best:

"It is difficult for me to put my finger right on what makes our chapter click. But several things do stand out in my mind. It is a sincerely friendly group of women of all ages, who, which to the surprise of some, really enjoy their association despite their age differences. And I believe part of this comes because of a common bond of sisterhood. Any organization must have its young, enthusiastic workers, but it also must have the guidance and wisdom of those members who have been there before and can give sound advice. We have been blessed by both in the past few years, and believe an example of the success which this combination can achieve was the most enjoyable Grand Convention we helped plan at Mountain Shadows in 1974.

"Phoenix is a city with numerous worthwhile organizations which call for and get the boundless energy of our members. But even though they are involved in other projects, when we have work to be done on the Home Tour or at Founders' Day, they are there and ready to share in the undertaking.

"I also cannot overlook the association we have with Delta Epsilon chapter at Arizona State University, particularly through our Auntie Mame program and the Salad Supper we have for the entire chapter in the spring. They are our future. By working with the college chapter we hope to strengthen our alumnae chapter in the years to come."

*The Phoenix Alumnae Chapter was selected to represent outstanding achievement. Other alumnae chapters in other categories have also received recognition for excellence. They are:*

**Chicago-North Shore . . .** Alumnae chapter with fewer than 100 members, located in a college town.\*

**Dayton, Ohio . . .** Alumnae chapter, numbering over 100 members located in a non-college town.

**El Paso, Texas . . .** Alumnae chapter with fewer than 100 members located in a non-college town.

**St. Louis . . .** Chapter with more than 100 members with a record of continuing excellence.

**Lafayette, IN . . .** Chapter with fewer than 100 members with a record of continuing excellence.

\*College town is the designation for a chapter located in an area where there is a Theta chapter.

### Georgia Alumna Appointed Trustee

Joana Traylor of Athens Georgia and a member of Gamma Delta chapter has been chosen as the first woman to serve on the Board of Trustees of the University of Georgia Foundation. She will serve for an indefinite period beginning in February, 1977.

The foundation is devoted to the welfare of the University of Georgia and funds supplemental teacher salaries, buys instructional equipment, provides scholarships. It strives to enhance the Universities academic excellence by securing distinguished professorships. Joana Traylor was the 1971 "Woman of the Year" for Athens.



## TALENTED MEMBERS



Betty Woodhead Wade, with her husband Fred and Casper.

**SACRAMENTO**—Betty Woodhead Wade, UC Santa Barbara is a Theta with a mission, one that concerns the rare Great Pyrenees dog. In her careful breeding, she tries to retain the qualities for which they are best known. According to Betty, these 100 pound pets are majestic, dignified, obedient, calm and cuddly, great with children, the perfect family companion and protector. As rescue representative for the Sacramento area, she finds the lost, stolen or unwanted dogs, reunites them with their families, or locates just the right home for each one, keeping them out of the hands of unscrupulous dealers. Her dedication began in 1969 with "Casper" but today the count is seven Pyrenees.

MARGARET GRAMATKY

**TOLEDO**—Ready or not, here it comes. That's the way many people feel about retirement. A Toledo Theta from Denison and her husband recognized the void of information concerning this phase of life and decided to do something about it. While living in Texas, Betty Hartman Wolf and her husband, Umhau, became acutely aware that members of the clergy, like most of us, were totally unprepared to handle the personal and emotional adjustments, economic hardships and problems of aging that face retirees. Their seminars on the subject prompted Betty to write a book, *Ten To Get Ready*. Betty is also an avid bird watcher, amateur archeologist, community volunteer and active Toledo alumna.

Joyce Blum DeWallace, Massachusetts, president of the Toledo Alumnae Chapter, was one of five 1975 recipients of the Toledo Jay-cee-ette "Outstanding Young Woman" award for her involvement with the arts, particularly opera. Joyce has worked with the local Theta philanthropy project, the Miami Children's Center, since its inception and co-authored the award winning community involvement grant of 1974.

JAMA DOENGES ROMAN

## INTERESTING PURSUITS



Left to right: Marcia Harman Buban, Joan Armstrong Florence and Linda Hartlerode Baas, all Ohio State.

**COLUMBUS**—The Columbus Alumnae held their October meeting at the home of Joan Armstrong Florence, Ohio State. The Florences have recently moved into Joan's grandparents home which was included in the Upper Arlington Bicentennial Home Tour.

Especially interesting features are the original kitchen cupboards and the marble cook sheet which Joan uses to make cookies the same way her grandmother did. The house boasts an octagonal porch which has been converted into a green house. Joan Florence's other talents include stained glass work and needlework.

PEGGY DAY

**BLOOMINGTON**—A new book accepted for spring publication and a story scheduled for *Highlights* magazine is enough to cheer the most seasoned author!

Ellen Cameron Wilson, Bloomington Theta Alumnae Chapter's widely-recognized writer for children and young adults, has just published her fourteenth book for young adults. *Blue Stocking, Romantic Revolutionary* deals with the life of the talented 19th century teacher-writer Margaret Fuller.

To find background for her *Highlights* story about a little run-away slave, she had to go no farther than her own home, once a station on the underground railroad. She has also written children's biographies and co-authored the *Three Boys* series. Ellen Wilson is a 1924 Ohio Wesleyan Theta with an M.A. from Radcliffe.

HARRIET MARTIN TACKITT





Phyllis Lewis, Drake

**DES MOINES**—Combining business and pleasure, Phyllis Lewis, Drake, has devoted herself to the entertainment media. She has not only been active in community playhouse productions, but has also represented Zeta Phi Eta by performing the Polly Pockets puppet show for the children of Des Moines. She has worked on business and industrial films in various capacities.

In the role of Santa's wife Phyllis has appeared on local television to advertise our Theta Santa's Workshop.

BETTY GAIL McGEHE

**FORT COLLINS**—A most talented person is Martha Trimble, Beta Gamma, an active member of the Ft. Collins Alumnae Chapter. Her field is English education and her contributions to the teaching of English have spanned the intervening years since she graduated from Colorado State University in 1936.

Martha Trimble's distinguished career began with teaching English in high school and college. She earned a Masters degree at the University of Colorado and then became a navy officer during World War II serving in the Waves as a teacher of navigation and a technical writer. In 1961 she joined the faculty at Colorado State University and obtained a grant from HEW which enabled her to gather information to write the textbook, *Programed Review of English*, which was published by Harper and Row in 1939. In 1937 Martha wrote a pamphlet for Boise State University's *Western Writers Series* on N. Scott Momaday, who was a Pulitzer Prize winner with his *House Man of Dawn*. In 1974 Martha Trimble coauthored and edited essays on local teachers representing the past hundred years. These appeared in *Up the Helm Line* which is published by a local chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Besides being a full time member of the faculty and doing her writing, she is active in the Western Literature Association and the Conference on College Composition and Communication, for which she will be reading a paper in Kansas City this spring. She is a past president of the Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association.

MARGARET ANN BANGHART



Jeanne Hilles Massey, Oklahoma State

**EL PASO**—An Oklahoma State University Theta, recipient of a Theta Fellowship, Jeanne Hilles Massey has received many honors in civic and creative endeavors in El Paso. This outstanding Stillwater, OK native is the administrator of Volunteers in Public Schools and the El Paso Independent School District.

The daughter of Olive Robertson Hilles, Alpha Omicron, and granddaughter of J.B.A. Robertson, former Governor of Oklahoma, Jeanne also continues her work in the field of drama. She wrote and directed the narrative for El Paso's Bicentennial Project, the Signing of the Declaration of Independence. In addition she helped design the set after the Trumbull painting and presented her re-creation at the Civic Center, a building designed by her brother, David Hilles. The National Bicentennial Committee selected her work as the outstanding Bicentennial Project from Texas for Independence Weekend. People who watched, felt pushed back in history as if they had actually been there themselves.

ANNETTE REED HARRISON

**PHOENIX**—It was Ann Andrews Tear's hobby, the pursuit of understanding and education, which took her to the People's Republic of China as part of the first U.S. educational group to visit that country. During the tour, this Oklahoma State Theta observed every level of education institutions. She was also shown enough of the country to make a judgment about the Chinese standard of living. While China is poor by our standards, massive irrigation projects are evident and high productivity is a chief concern. "Today the People's Republic of China is 30 to 40 years behind the U.S.," says Ann, "but America will have some keen competition in the years ahead."

CAROL POPE MEISSNER



**DALLAS**—Three talented Dallas Theta sisters and their mother recently started a business—T-9-E Interior, creating ceramic specialties ranging from ash trays to soup tureens to animal figures, custom designed to order or available on consignment in three area specialty shops. Ann Gable Mansfield and Jean Gable Carson, both SMU and Judy Gable McCutchin, Texas explain that *Tee-nine-ee* is the culmination of an ambition they have all had for some time.

KAY MACKAMAN



St. Louis Thetas, left to right: Pat McGee White, Beta Phi; Jan Stone Dunaway, Alpha Mu; Kathy Hlavecek, Delta proudly display Christmas quilt.

**ST. LOUIS**—St. Louis Theta alumnae have pooled their talents in a project not only interesting, but also rewarding for the chapter. Each month for the past year and a half these talented sisters have gathered to make a quilt. One person selects the theme and each member applies an appropriate square. High lighting this year's efforts is our very own Santa's House quilt. A delightful blend of Christmas themes and red gingham, this quilt has served as a promotional aid for our annual Santa's House as well as inducing many Thetas to donate their time to Santa at the prospect of making it her prize possession.

NANCY LANIUS



New directions for Jackie Fisher Meurk, Alpha Lambda.

**SEATTLE**—Her zeal for promoting Theta activities and community youth and health organizations led to Jackie Meurk's new profession-avocation, photo-journalism.

Innovative, creative and indefatigable Jacklyn Fisher Meurk, Alpha Lambda says she "likes to start things." When she was Seattle Alumnae Chapter president 10 years ago she brought back from convention the idea for the highly successful Flaming Festival.

An art education major at the University of Washington, Jackie has taught adult education art classes and worked in arts and crafts through the years with community and youth groups.

Five years ago Jackie went back to school at Bellevue Community College where she took "one class after another" in photography, graphic arts, color photography, television, video tape production, repro-camera and English, typing and journalism.

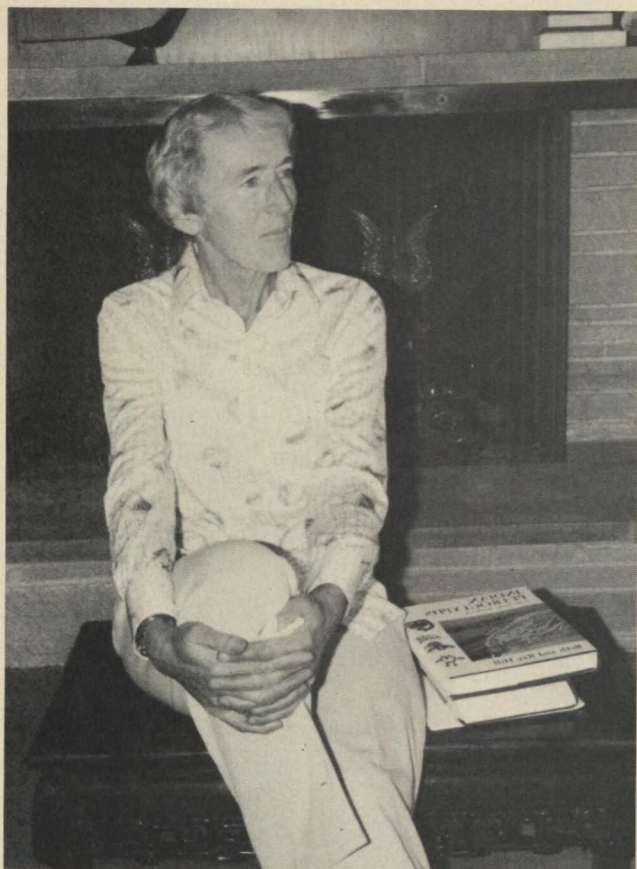
Jackie's PR expertise is invaluable in promoting community projects. Her pictures and stories have informed the public about YES (Youth Eastside Services) for which she helped start a fund-raising auction. She serves on the Virginia Mason Hospital Board and promotes fund raising for hospital development and research.

Currently Jackie is board chairman of the Seattle Psychoanalytic Institute which educates psychoanalysts and promotes continuing education for doctors, social workers and other allied professionals concerned with mental health.

A crusader for continuing education, Jackie claims, "Tackling new things turn you on to life." Beautiful, vibrant Jackie is her own best testimony to that.



# ALUMNAE TALENT IS DIVERSIFIED



Portland's super volunteer Virginia Smith Lawrence, Alpha Xi.

**PORTLAND**—V is for Virginia . . . Virginia Smith Lawrence, an Alpha Xi from Oregon. V could just as well be for Volunteer, because Portland, Oregon's Virginia Lawrence has compiled an impressive record as a volunteer whose first commitment in outside activities is to community improvement.

Essentially a domestic creature with a close family relationship, Virginia has a unique talent that combines organization, effort, and inspiration to raise funds and initiate and complete projects for the many groups with which she has been associated.

A strong believer in United Way and federated giving, she has served on the Board and Executive committee. A third generation worker for Trinity Episcopal Church, she also was president of the Women's Convalescent Home, president of the Girl Scout Council enveloping parts of 13 counties, on the Board of the Portland Symphony, and Junior League Sustainer-of-the-Year.

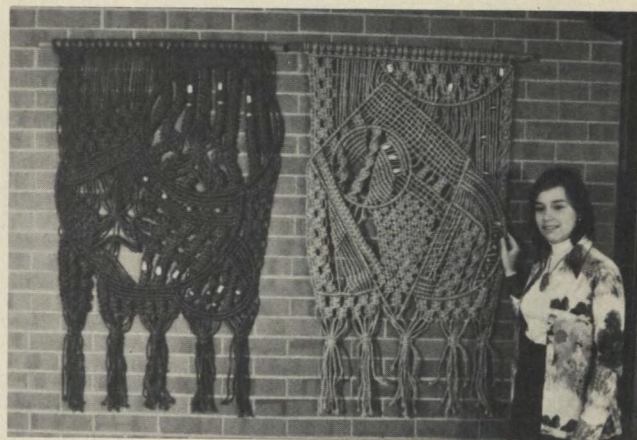
She feels the secret of success is broadening the base of support to include a variety of people in the community actively participating in a project. Of the Junior League she says, "It is a very fine training ground for volunteers, opens doors of interests and personal development and develops a high sense of responsibility."

Every community needs a Virginia Lawrence.

SHIRLEY PETRIE

**NEW YORK CITY**—The NYC Alumnae Chapter's Peggy Cramer, Southern Methodist is making headlines with her batik-designed leather handbags. Her first sale was to the noted specialty store, Henri Bendel, and others soon followed. Her unique designs recently were featured in the *New York Daily News*. Peggy's hobbies of sewing and painting have evolved into a growing business and widespread recognition of her talents. In addition, her batik designs in dresses, scarves, blouses and sportswear are an important part of a local cooperative, A Show of Hands.

SARA STREET



Liz Turner Diehl, Alpha Upsilon, musician and needlework artist.

**TOPEKA**—Liz Turner Diehl graduated in 1974 from Washburn University with a Bachelor of Music degree in applied flute. Since graduating she has given several recitals for churches, universities and private organizations. At present she has 33 private flute students a week. In addition, she has 3 guitar students, including one with a learning disability.

Liz has played with the Topeka Symphony for five years where she is principal bassist. She is also a member of a small string group which has performed at numerous recitals and private engagements. These include the Governor's inauguration, legislative parties, and Governor's parties in the Mansion. She is an active member of Sigma Alpha Iota music fraternity for women, and a member of Mu Alpha Pi, honorary scholastic music fraternity.

Although her technical training and background has been music, needlepoint is her greatest love. She is building a library with many exciting needlepoint books.

In the past few years she has become involved with the design of original needlepoint canvas. Some of her work has been entered in local and national competition. She has done 10 large macrame wall hangings on commission for offices, organizations and friends, plus numerous small items.

NANCY OWSLEY TOEDMAN





Margaret Young Pneuman, Beta Iota charter member is noted painter of mountains. "Flight over the Andes" is shown here.

**DIABLO VALLEY**—What a delight to know an active, productive and talented 77 year old. Mildred Young Pneuman, charter member of Beta Iota at the University of Colorado, was graduated magna cum laude. A Master of Fine Arts and Letters, a fellow in the International Institute of Arts and Letters proves why her pictures hang in several university art museums including George Washington, Denver, Drake and Wyoming.

Mountain pictures from the Andes to Arizona, Canada to Colorado have been shown in a dozen one man shows. Her current showing is in a bank in Rossmoor where she lives.

This "Mountain Gal" prefers painting mountains in the open. She still finds time to entertain Diablo Valley Thetas in her Walnut Creek home with her friend Margaret Bullen Walsh, Colorado State, who helped install Beta Iota chapter at the University of Colorado 55 years ago.

**OKLAHOMA CITY**—A hobby developed into a fascinating career for Margo Lord Nesbitt, University of Oklahoma graduate and two-term president of the Oklahoma City Alumnæ. Margo and husband, Charles, started frequenting antique shops and visiting auctions at out-of-the-way places. Inevitably they became collectors. They bought a home in one of the historic preservation areas of Oklahoma City. Margo recently completed B.A. and M.A. degrees in Fine Arts History at the University of Oklahoma and is now a consultant and appraiser of art objects and is a senior member of the American Association of Fine Arts Appraisers. She is in great demand as an appraiser of estates, art collections as an estimator for insurance purposes.

MARION HURST

**SAN DIEGO**—In selecting a talented member as the subject for the Theta Magazine article, San Diego alumnæ have also chosen a Theta whose Theta involvement has become a way of life for her. Virginia Stone Burrill became a Theta at Kappa chapter, Kansas. When her husband died she became an art buyer in Portland and she moved into the art circles and into the Theta alumnæ group.

After moving to San Diego in 1959 she soon established her Theta ties and in the intervening years she has become completely involved with the alumnæ chapter. She has been on the alumnæ chapter board for 16 years and served as Panhellenic delegate for 12 years. She is presently Fraternity Trends chairman and represented the chapter as president at the 1970 Grand Convention. She has been active with the Women's University Club and the movement which saved the Spanish Classical Architecture in Balboa Park. Virginia Burrill writes: "I little realized when I stood in the Theta house at Lawrence well over 50 years ago and took the vows, that I would follow this organization all the days of my life with love and devotion. Theta has been a proud part of my life and when one asks, What does Theta mean to you? how can you put a value on what one feels. You cannot. It is invaluable.

SUZANNE GUILBERT OHLFEST

**EUGENE, OR**—The Eugene Theta Club had a special preview showing when it met in November for an evening of fashion and fun. Theresa Teutch, Oregon State is a special representative for Stretch and Sew, a nationwide fabric and sewing center started in Eugene. Theresa demonstrated for us the new "Make it in Minutes Dress" which will be featured soon in Harper's. The dress really can be made in minutes and also changed in minutes to give a variety of looks.





*Sally Sellers Hays, Alpha Tau . . . Cincinnati knows her puppets.*

**WILMETTE**—Restoring antique trunks is the hobby of Sharon Williams Ubben, DePauw, who lives in Wilmette, IL. For the past three years Sharon has been antique hunting in the Midwest for old trunks of unusual shapes, sizes and interesting woods.

To restore a trunk Sharon first washes the whole trunk. Next she must strip and sand the outside and then shellac the inside. Then, depending on what the customer wants she will stain or paint the outside or renew the leather. Often she will reline the inside of a trunk with wallpaper or material. Most of the old trunks do not have handles, hardware or hinges on them. Sharon tries to keep a trunk as original as possible and only replaces the hardware if absolutely necessary. All of these steps can take up to 30 hours work.

Some of the old trunks are very valuable especially if they have been well taken care of. Sharon thinks her most valuable trunk is one with an 1863 Civil War newspaper lining inside. She replaced the original rawhide cover but kept the leather handles and nailheads.

Many people have trunks in their family and have come to Sharon to have them restored.

NANCY STEGEMEIER MILLER



**CINCINNATI**—"Sally's Marionettes" are an established part of the Cincinnati scene. At an early age, Sally Sellers Hays, University of Cincinnati, began carving and modeling puppets; entertaining at schools, church festivals and industrial parties. While studying design, Sally built and directed promotional shows for Cincinnati's power company. She became Puppetry Instructor and Theatre Department Technical Director at Western College. For fifteen years, Sally has built and directed shows for the Dental Auxiliary. These shows are given in local schools to promote good dental habits. Puppetry embraces many arts. Sally has cleverly and rewardingly used her talents in many facets of her business and family life.

MARGARET COLBURN SCHOTT

**CHICAGO NORTHWEST SUBURBAN**—Among our multi-talented members is Marjorie Turk McMillan, Randolph Macon. Marjorie has many talents and hobbies, but the one that stands out is her needle point. She started as many do, helping her mother. Later she was given a piano bench to cover, which took awhile to complete until suddenly, interest in the project overtook her. Marge's next project was a bell pull which took only a matter of days to complete as she was emerged into needle point by then. The next step was to design her own work . . . a pillow, a wall hanging sampler with a background design lifted from draperies.

It follows that Theta would play a role in Marge's hobby. She designed a 5 x 8 kite, complete with twin stars. Her kites were sold at the boutique at the past two Grand Conventions. She has also executed a Beta Crest in honor of her husband.

Marjorie McMillan has also found time to serve as vice-president, treasurer and recommendation chairman of the alumnae chapter.

SUE MOREY ANDERSON

**GREENCASTLE**—Honorary Alumnae Chapter proudly names Catherine Tillotson McCord as its Theta For A Lifetime.

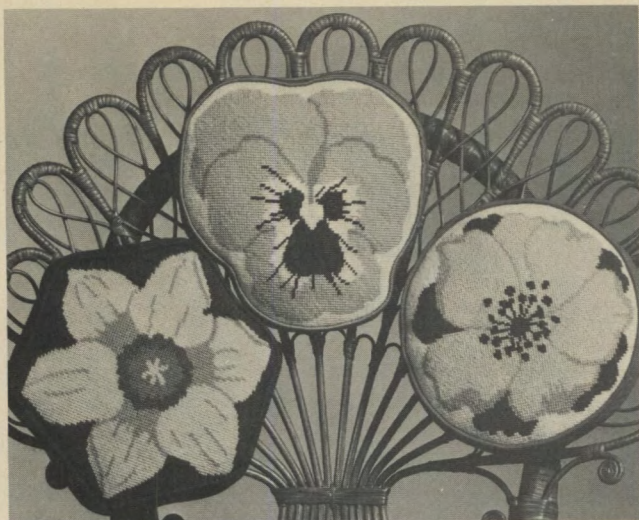
She has served Theta for 58 years as a loyal and devoted member, exemplifying in her personal life the high ideals on which Theta was founded. She has also given many hours to church and community service.

Catherine McCord has been a member of the Alumnae Chapter since 1918, during which time she has served in the offices of the alumnae chapter, advisory board and corporation of Alpha chapter. She is also the Permanent Alumnae Secretary of Alpha. Catherine has attended thirteen Grand Conventions.

In 1925 permission was given for alumnae to take part in the initiation ceremony. Since that year to the present, only one initiation at Alpha has been held without Catherine present. Several years ago the members of Alpha chapter and the Greencastle alumnae held a "Catherine McCord Day" presenting to her a book containing pictures and clippings of her many years of service.

NELL CROUCH





*Chairback needlepoint by Grand Rapids Theta, Ebbie Minor.*

**GRAND RAPIDS**—Alumnæ Club began the year with a schedule of events offering something for everyone. September's program took the enthusiastic group inside the lovely Victorian home of an area Theta for a presentation on needle point through the ages. Set in the historically preserved Heritage Hill section of Grand Rapids, the home was filled with many original designs of Theta alumnus Ebbie Minor. These included unusual kite and pansy pillow designs from Ebbie's quaint needle point shop, Peacock Alley. Three Grand Rapids area Thetas keep the creative eleven year old shop's business booming.

Other programs for the year included a Southeast Asian dinner prepared by area Thetas, as well as the more traditional fraternity gatherings for the December holiday season and Founders' Day.

**ST. PAUL**—Jocelyn Carlson Farrell, North Dakota is a busy mother and a talented artist. She does some watercolor but most of her work is on commission, working with children's portraits in pastels. A portrait starts with a photography session where she takes 12 to 24 pictures of the child, often outside playing, and visits with him to capture his truest expressions and personality. She also does her own matting and framing. Jocelyn also raises pansies which she presses and arranges for framing.

SUE ROSE

**MINNEAPOLIS**—Each Wednesday the Minneapolis Star includes a food section called TASTE. The TASTE section consists of nutrition information, original recipes, photographs, interviews, and ideas for entertaining. Beth Hunt Anderson, Georgia who is a home economist and reporter is the creator and co-editor of the weekly food feature page. Many of her recipes have been published in two cookbooks. She also develops and tests new recipes. Then her children Mark and Nancy TASTE!

STEPHANICE MASTERS KACZROWSKI

**TACOMA'S** Norma Pennington can do it. This Gamma Eta Theta, graduate of the University of Massachusetts is proof that a career and artistic pursuits need not interfere with continuing fraternity service and loyalty. Norma Pennington is the advisory board chairman for Delta Iota chapter at the University of Puget Sound and formerly served as rush adviser.

In her professional career she is the only woman on the staff of Cascadia Juvenile Reception and Diagnostic Center in Tacoma. She is a vocational diagnostician working with boys and girls, ages 16 to 18 and tests them for aptitudes, interests and values to help them make personal decisions enabling them to become better students and citizens. These children who are juvenile delinquents, are diagnosed educationally, socially, and psychologically to help them obtain a new way of life.

Norma Pennington has also completed numerous graduate courses at the University of Puget Sound in the field of art.

STEPHANIE STRAMPE

**HOUSTON**—Thetas, meet Mary Frances Bowles Couper, Texas, antique expert extraordinary. Mary Frances has used her talent in creating an outstanding antebellum home. Also, as only few can do, Mary Frances designed a Gothic chapel with flawless early Jacobean structure and furnishings. A generous person, Mary Frances gave this chapel, dedicated to her parents, to a hospital. Last year, she restored an 1840 house to period. This restoration joins the Couper home in being opened to meetings of over a dozen boards on which Mary Frances has served.

What of this antiques expert and Houston's Theta Charity Antiques Show? Again, Mary Frances has graciously given of her talent and is a principal reason for the show's evolving into one of the nation's finest.

BARBARA DRAKE PITTS

**SALEM, OR**—Running her own business has proved interesting and exciting for Sally Severance Edmiston, Oregon State. "Sally's Market Basket International" has been in existence in Salem for three years.

She started with an old service station, completely remodeled the building and opened a deli because of the lack of this type of business in Salem. Sally started with meat and cheese cases, some gourmet items, wine and imported beers, sandwiches to go and box lunches. This fall she has expanded the business to include some catering and has added an area for customers to sit down and eat.

While her days are long, Sally still finds time to be active in several local organizations and to be a fan at the athletic events in which her two sons participate.

KATHY KENNEDY DOUGLAS



**LUBBOCK** Alumnae Club boasts many "crafty" members, one of which is Shirley Chapman Lewis, Texas Tech shown below. Shirley learned to satin stitch monogram on a freehand machine three years ago. The overwhelming requests from friends and relatives prompted her to open "Merry Monograms" in her home. Some of her personalized items include: monogrammed karate belts, jackets for C.B. radio clubs, purses, scarves, towels and tennis racquet covers. Her favorite item has been a monogrammed black towel to be used by a member of the Texas Tech University football team, who claims it brings them good luck!



*Toni Buckley Arnett with a still life painting.*

Another talented Lubbock Theta is Toni Buckley Arnett, Texas Tech shown above who has become a well-known artist from the area. Toni uses an oil medium to incorporate an abstract design with a realistic appearance. One of her paintings was selected to appear on the cover of *Cattlemen* magazine. Toni prefers to paint still life, landscapes, animals and flowers.



*Lubbock Theta Betty Rhea Moxley, Gamma Phi, project coordinator for Ranching Heritage Center.*

**LUBBOCK**—A quote from the *Museum Digest* for the West Texas Museums Association began: "Wanted . . . Co-ordinator of Public Programs . . . Must be able to hold the attention of children in groups of forty, foster docent enthusiasm, be bright, charming, artistic, imaginative and willing to work ten hours a day—seven days a week!" Imagine their surprise when the perfect person actually applied for the position! She is Lubbock Alumnae Club member, Betty Rhea Caldwell, Texas Tech. Betty Rhea walked into The Museum of Texas Tech University almost five years ago with a very impressive resume. She holds a degree in Speech and Drama from Texas Tech University. She has worked with Gamma Phi chapter for the past fifteen years, including two years as rush adviser. Betty Rhea also worked with the Lubbock Theatre, Red Cross, and served as Junior League president.

Her duties for the Museum of Texas Tech University include: recruiting and training of volunteer docents and planning tours in co-ordination with public schools. Last year 50,000 persons toured the Museum.

The Ranching Heritage Center is an outdoor museum depicting the history of ranching in the state of Texas from the early 1800's to 1925. During the grand opening last July, which was a designated Bicentennial event, 27,000 persons were treated to: chair-lacing, butter-churning, wine-tasting, cooking on a genuine chuck-wagon, and the shearing, clipping, dyeing and spinning of wool.

The financing of this project was largely due to the efforts of Betty Rhea Moxley. She co-authored a grant proposal to the National Endowment for the Humanities in Washington, D.C: This grant in the amount of \$381,000 is one of the largest ever bestowed. Betty Rhea is project coordinator for the execution of the grant which funds research for and implementation of interpretative programs for the Ranching Heritage Center.

JANE SPARKS WATT



**ROCHESTER, NY**—Marge Campbell McNamara, Butler, is the backbone and inspirational force behind the Rochester Theta Alumnae Chapter. Marge's creative-ness, ingenuity, financial ability, combined with an organizational genius has led the group for ten years. She began her leadership role in Theta during her college days by performing chapter treasurer duties as a pledge, retaining the job for another year before serving as president.

Marge was instrumental in drafting the petition for the Rochester Alumnae Club to become an alumnae chapter and served as the first president of the chapter. She initiated the Flaming Festival in Rochester and won individual honors for her own creative table arrangements. Not only is Marge an imaginative and creative individual, but also she is gifted with a rare organizational ability. She wrote the chapter by-laws and established records and notebooks for each office as well as providing a continuing newsletter for three years. Marge devotes much time to her two daughters, and serves as president of several garden clubs. The Rochester Alumnae Chapter salutes Marge for her time, effort, ideas and energy devoted to this chapter.

SUE SCHANTZ



*Thetas of Chicago Southwest Suburban Club meet at the Victorian home of Gay Anderson McIndoe.*

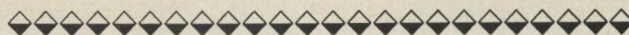
**LOS ANGELES**—How many Thetas have held such diverse positions as truck driver and social secretary to the vice-president of the United States? There is one, Priscilla Joy Everts. Her study at Mills College and her degree from U.C.L.A. obviously qualified her for her first position, driving a Clubmobile for the American Red Cross in Europe from 1944 to 1947. Then, brushing aside possibilities with the Teamsters Union, "PJ" returned to Mills where she became executive secretary to the president of the college. One day she read an ad, soon had a five minute interview with the nation's vice-president and so became his social secretary in Washington from 1954 to 1958.

Her career since that time has been primarily with the Northrop Corporation, where she was secretary to the president and now is Coordinator of Civic Affairs. Priscilla Joy Everts is a joy to talk to about her travels, her academic, business and Red Cross career. Still most people want to hear about her years on the hill in Washington because her boss was not one of the little remembered vice-presidents. He was Richard Nixon.

LUCILLE LUND HIGGINS

**CHICAGO SOUTHWEST SUBURBAN**—What began as a casual interest in antiques has sparked a family-wide avocation at the home of Gay Anderson McIndoe, Allegheny. Gay's century old Victorian home in Hinsdale, IL., has become a showplace for collections of everything from antique toys, hats and storybooks to turn of the century valentines, postcards and autograph books. Each room filled with beautifully displayed memorabilia is more interesting than the last, and has placed Gay in high demand to show her home and display her collections to countless local groups. Gay's interest in antiques and collectibles has also kindled individual collecting hobbies for her children which will undoubtedly continue into their own families!

ANN STRANG WHELAN



### JOIN THE FUN, FORM A THETA CLUB IT TAKES ONLY FIVE ALUMNAE

You can do it. Central Office will provide the names of Thetas in your area. Just send the request and the zip code numbers from which you would draw members, to: Kappa Alpha Theta, Suite 400, 801 Davis St., Evanston, IL 60201. Contact your Alumnae District President for assistance. Her name will be listed in the Directory Section of the Summer 1977 Issue of the Theta Magazine. Join the fun! Help Theta grow.

**CLEVELAND**—Marjorie Thomas Brown, DePauw, of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, isn't exactly typical of women who have entered the real estate field, for she has been so "sold" on her profession that she has purchased 20 properties in the 15 years she has been selling. She currently owns 13 condominiums, farms and homes, and is building a new home to sell. She has been in the \$1,000,000 category for the last ten years, and as of Oct. '76 has exceeded \$3,000,000. Marge has many outside interests, and has been soloist at Founders' Day ever since the Cleveland Thetas discovered her lovely voice.



# INTRODUCING

## College District Presidents



**Marilyn Hughes Manson** is a recently appointed CDP in District VII. She is working with partner Laurie Merrill in this large district and is responsible for the supervision of the college chapters at Arizona, Arizona State and San Diego State. Marilyn has been closely involved in Theta activities in the Phoenix area for a long time. She is a transplanted Iowan and a member of Gamma Pi chapter at Iowa State where she majored in psychology and sociology. Marilyn has been Flaming Festival chairman for Phoenix and vice-president and president of the Phoenix Alumnæ Chapter. For the 1972 Grand Convention at Mountain Shadows in Scottsdale, Marilyn was chairman of the local Convention Committee. Other civic activities have benefited from her services. She was president of the Phoenix Cotillion, district organizer for the Girl Scouts and a member of P.E.O. Her daughter is a freshman member of Beta Delta at the University of Arizona and she has two teen-age sons.



**Jane Kent Hedges** is one of the first district officers to share a district. In far flung District XII which includes Texas and Louisiana she will share the responsibility for college chapters with Sharon Woolridge, her former roommate at Southern Methodist. Her academic interest is in history with a B.A. from SMU, followed by an M.A. in European history which she worked on between the births of her three children. The wife of a Methodist minister who is currently serving as Director of the Wesley Foundation at Sam Houston State University, Jane has lived in small towns all over Texas. In addition to holding a full-time job as Program Coordinator at First United Methodist Church in Huntsville, she is a member of the Huntsville Study Club and the Conroe Theta Alumnæ Club. Her interests include reading, music and travel.

Jane Hedges will District President for Alpha Theta, Alpha Phi, Delta Kappa, and Delta Omega.

## Special Officer



**Anne Learoyd Sisk** is a new special officer in a newly created position . . . Mother's/Parents' Club Coordinator. This step has been taken to reinforce the relationship between parents and their daughter's chapter and to build a better understanding of the national fraternity by parents. Up to now, emphasis has been on Mothers' Clubs and it is hoped that fathers will become equally interested and involved in programs of parent support.

Anne Sisk's undergraduate Theta experience was short-lived. She was initiated into Alpha Delta chapter at Goucher (now disestablished), at the end of her freshman year and the next year transferred to Mount Holyoke. Her close association with Kappa Alpha Theta came as an alumna when she joined the Milwaukee Alumnæ Chapter in 1958. With each of the Sisk family's frequent moves she has found Theta friends immediately, and has held positions of responsibility. She was Vice President of the Indianapolis Alumnæ Chapter, President of the Chicago West Suburban Club and membership chairman for the Fairfield County Alumnæ Chapter.

Anne Sisk believes it is important for parents to understand more fully their daughter's enjoyment and fulfillment in being a Theta. To this end she will communicate the feeling of appreciation and importance of the national organization for all parent groups, to give national publicity to the groups and most importantly plan for an active parent club for every college chapter.



## OUTSTANDING MEMBERS

*An optional assignment for chapters which did not have an intercollegiate athlete to write about for the Winter Issue.*

### The Girl Behind Foundation Award

At Denison, we think all our Thetas are outstanding. However, one girl, a legacy from Cincinnati is exceptional in spreading her Theta love and enthusiasm. Candy Cone, a junior in Speech Communication, brings much honor and pride to Kappa Alpha Theta. Candy was chosen by the speech department for the honorary position of junior speech fellow. In this capacity she serves as a teacher's assistant. Candy has been active in theatre productions at Denison, doing both publicity work and acting. She has done extensive work with a volunteer service group, the Denison Community Association, of which she is publicity chairman. Candy's main interests here are connected with Leed's tutoring for underprivileged children. Through her efforts, our chapter was awarded \$500 by the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation at Grand Convention to donate to this organization. In the past Candy has also worked with mentally retarded children at Camp Stepping Stone, in local promotional offices, and with school radio station. Within our chapter, Candy held the honor of "most active pledge outside the chapter" and is presently chairman of the Service Committee. We feel that Candy exemplifies the ideals of Kappa Alpha Theta which we strongly uphold, and we are very proud to have her as a Beta Tau sister.

BARBARA VISINTINE

### Goal-Oriented Senior

Whatever happened to the charming young coed whose primary objective consisted of catching the right man? It appears, from statistics, that a career-oriented woman has replaced that image.

At Gamma Mu there is such a woman. Marianne Schmitt, a dark-haired beauty sums up her philosophy of life, "A person must realize his purpose, and therefore work for it. I fulfill myself by heading towards my goal . . . law school." Presently, Marianne's extracurricular activities encompass every facet of college life.

Marianne's primary interest lies in government. She says, "Perhaps my most rewarding experience occurred last spring when I worked as a legislative intern at Annapolis." Working with Senator Steny Hamilton Hoyer, President of the Maryland Senate, she handled his case work and research on pending bills. "It was a diverse experience because I learned the techniques of 'politicizing' as well as the legislative process."

Her involvement does not stop here. In addition to acting as President of Pi Sigma Alpha, she is a member of the John Marshall Society and campus Judicial Board, and was a Cherry Blossom Princess. Between campus and chapter obligations, Marianne maintains a high grade point average.

LORI JEAN KEESEY

### Theta Shines in PR Field

A Theta that ratas—that's Marilyn Walker of Delta Pi at the University of Tennessee. A December honor graduate in the College of Communications, Marilyn majored in journalism with an emphasis in industrial-corporate public relations.

Marilyn started her journalism experience as editor for Delta Pi and was elected president of the first student-run PR agency. "The agency has been much more successful than anticipated," says the co-founder. Campus Communicators has so many prospective clients it has to restrict working accounts. It provides practical experience for the members while providing professional public relations for clients.

Marilyn solicited the agency's first account, the Graduate Student Council and served as account executive. She was an instigator of Campus Communicators through her active participation in the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) as a representative to the Dean's Advisory Council, a member of UT's PR Case Study Team and as a delegate to national and regional PRSSA conferences. She is a member of Sigma Delta Chi, a professional journalists' society, a member of the Undergraduate Alumni Council, a participant in Ford Motor's Roundtable, and the Executive Council of Inter-Residence Association.

Marilyn was selected for an internship as Assistant to the Director of Information for a federal transportation project AUTO/SEE, and edited the Project's news letter.

### Purely a Diplomat

At Chi we call her "Lil Bruel of Capital Hill." Actually, her name is Elizabeth Bruel, one of the most outstanding members of Chi chapter at Syracuse.

How did she get her nickname? Lil's a diplomat in every sense of the word, and she's practicing her Political Science major on Chi. One might complain but it's working.

Here's how: Putting 36 females under one roof can mean utter disaster. The chapter president must be a great orator in order to try to satisfy everyone's wishes. And that's what makes Lil so outstanding. She negotiates, gives and compromises. And, she gets the job done.

Other Theta contributions? To name a few, Editor, Standards Chairman and "spreader of Theta spirit" via her role as Panhellenic President.

Let's get back to politics. We at Chi think that Elizabeth Bruel could teach her home town, Washington, D.C. a thing or two. So don't be surprised if one day a Theta speaks to you from the White House. She's got the vote from Chi!

KARI STORE



## COLLEGIATE ACHIEVERS



Joan Lange, Mu

### Versatile Achievement At Allegheny

Joan Lange, a senior at Mu chapter, Allegheny College, has achieved what most college girls scarcely dare to dream about. She seems to have everything—personality, athletic prowess, intelligence and attractiveness.

An active member of Mu chapter and an ex-Panhellenic vice-president, Joan has always excelled academically. She was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and earned the designation of Alden Scholar and Doane Distinguished Scholar. Her freshman year she was the most outstanding chemistry student which continued to her junior year when she received the Richard Edwin Lee Award for the most outstanding junior chemistry major. Along with that came the William Edgar Porter Prize for the student with the highest cumulative average for junior year. Joan was accepted on early decision at Dartmouth Medical School and started there in the fall, 1976.

Despite these academic achievements, Joan made time to participate on the Allegheny varsity swimming team. She has earned four varsity letters for swimming, was co-captain of the swimming team and became the first woman to gain all PAC honors, which she received three years running.

In Fall 1975 she was named Homecoming Queen by the Allegheny student body. Versatility and success have marked Joan Lange's undergraduate years. Modesty, charm and a quiet manner are her personal characteristics. Joan Lange has now graduated and she is greatly missed at Mu.

SHERYL MCAULIFFE

### Unique Pledge at Alpha Theta

Last fall at the University of Texas, the Alpha Theta chapter pledged Mari Mathews from Yoakum, Texas, an outstanding girl with unique abilities, especially unique because she is deaf.

Mari does a little of everything. She particularly loves sports, participating on the pledge intramural football team, enrolled in golf this semester, and lettered on her high school tennis team. With a feel for the beat of the music, she played coronet as well as marched in the high school drill team. She is now a civil-engineering major at UT. During rush she immediately impressed the chapter with her effervescent smile and friendliness. She looked like a Theta. We wish that all of you could meet her.

SUZANNE LEWIS

### South Dakota Cites Academic Achievement

Alpha Rho has been exposed for the last few years to the dynamic personality of Katherine Williams. A New Yorker, Katherine with her exuberance and rather avant-garde view of life has served to expand her Theta sister's horizons and to broaden their scope of the world outside South Dakota.

Kate, who has studied at Vassar College and in Germany carried her enthusiasm over into academic pursuits. Named University Scholar, the highest honor conferred by the University of South Dakota, she has set an example of scholastic excellence for the chapter. Although she graduated last spring, Kate has returned this year to work on her Master's degree in English so we at Alpha Rho may still benefit from her presence.

### Rush Chairman Saluted

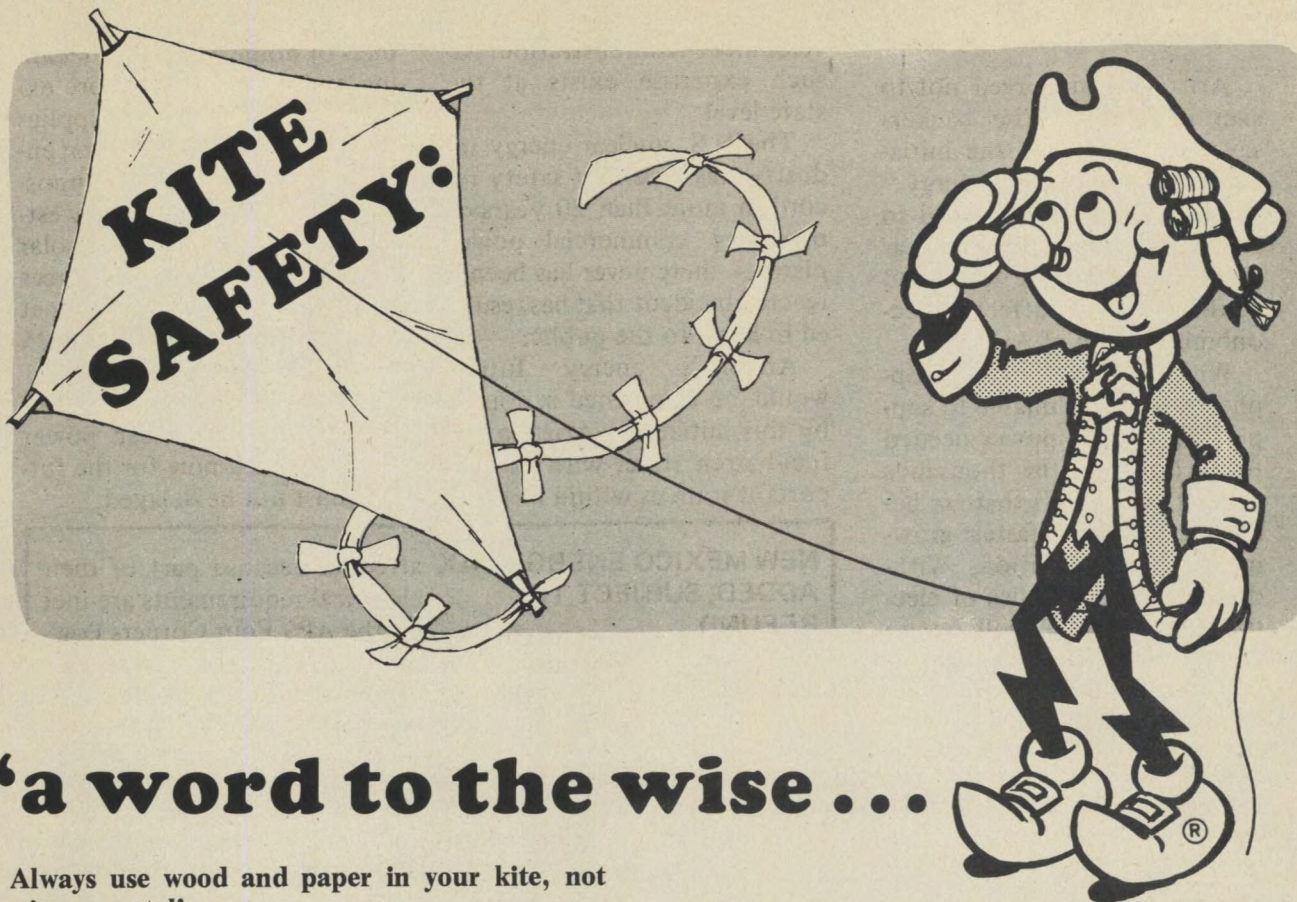
Gamma Nu at North Dakota State University doubled its membership in the fall of 1976 due to the combined efforts of the chapter and the outstanding work done by Myrna Krueger. The rush program, both formal and informal, was completely revamped this year. With Myrna behind it, the chapter accepted and carried through all the changes with ease and high spirits.

Myrna is a senior majoring in Horticulture and Communications. She has been active in many different areas during her college years. In our chapter she has been song chairman, Panhellenic delegate for two years, and presently rush chairman. She is a student senator, member of the Young Democrats, President of Rho Lambda, a writer for the school newspaper, and coordinator for Women's Intramural Activities. For two summers she worked at Farmers Union Camps in North Dakota and last summer worked for National Farmers Union in Denver.

Our Theta chapter is growing closer every day because of people like Myrna and we think she is a very special sister.

DEBBIE PRESCOTT





## “a word to the wise . . .

1. Always use wood and paper in your kite, not wire or metal!
2. Always use dry string, not wire or anything metallic.
3. Always fly your kite on days when there is no rain.
4. Always fly your kite far from electric power lines.
5. Always avoid busy streets/highways while kite-flying.
6. Always keep away from fallen wires.
7. Always fly your kite far from TV-Radio antennas.
8. Always call your power company if your kite gets snagged in a power line. Do not pull the string or climb power poles.

Now that you've flown your kites in the sky,  
 Would you stop for a second and ask yourselves why?  
 Did you watch them soar high, like a bird upon wing?  
 Could you think what it means, all that paper and string?  
 As they floated so high in the sky up above,  
 Did you dream about Theta and sisters and love?  
 Or pulling it out of a dive in mid-air,  
 Could you think of your sisters and how they must care?  
 But most of all as it flew close to a cloud,  
 Of yourselves and your pledge class I hope you were proud.  
 You've all proven yourselves in your own special ways,  
 And now Thetas you'll all be in just a few days.  
 But there is just one more thing I would like to ask,  
 And this really will be an important task,  
 Just promise me this, that you'll all do one thing  
 Always hold tightly, the end of the string.

Linda Fitzer, Delta Upsilon to  
 the pledge class of '75 at Eastern Kentucky





# Over the DESKTOP

The casual reader of this issue might conclude that we are soft on Canadians. When has so much space been given over to any geographical section of the fraternity? In the editor's opinion, resulting from long association with Canadian chapters and Canadian Thetas individually, it seems to be overdue recognition. There's a struggle going on up there. In some areas it means survival. In others it's a muted cry for help from college chapters to their own local alumnæ to pitch in and give them the support and TLC a chapter needs to thrive and not just survive. So this issue is a salute to our Canadian chapters and their alumnæ.

The place of the American College Fraternity in the Bicentennial theme of things has been thoroughly attended to in the Theta Magazine but a final report of the 200th anniversary of Phi Beta Kappa carries an announcement of interest . . . the invitation extended to eleven colleges, evaluated and found deserving to establish a chapter of that most prestigious honorary. Among the campuses so recognized and honored are two where there are Theta chapters, Louisiana State University and Baylor University, which should swell the ranks of Theta Phi Betas in District XII.

## Well Deserved Honor

A list of the 25 most influential women in America issued last fall, includes two Thetas, which is a very respectable percentage of feminine influence. For the salutary effect they have on America, Joan Ganz Cooney, Beta Delta, Arizona, the genius of *Sesame Street* and president of Children's Television Workshop; and Nancy Hanks, Beta Rho, Duke, chairman for the National Endowment for the Arts, have been named among the twenty-five.

Chapter bylaw drafters take notice. The National Association of Parliamentarians in their 1976 convention has given the nod to the use of "chairman" as the correct title for committee heads. Thus the neutered version of the presiding officer, which has been popularized as the term "chairperson" has been denied official status by the standard-setter of correct parliamentary procedure and terminology. We do not predict a sudden demise of the "person" designation.

## Attack Term Paper Sale

A year ago an article in this magazine viewed with alarm the growth of the term paper business and its relationship to academic integrity. Now another state is proposing action to combat the commercial sale of term papers, dissertations and theses. The State of Washington has in draft form a bill making illegal the sale of such papers and putting an onus on the student who "causes" such a paper to be prepared.

Reading about Adelaide Sinclair's first encounter with an officer of the fraternity and the resulting increased

enthusiasm for and interest in the fraternity strikes a similar recollection which goes back to the 1937-41 era. Our first glimpse of a national officer was the sight of none other than Adelaide Sinclair during a visit to the Alpha Lambda chapter. We don't recall the hat, just the person, and the impression that, "She is really something!"

Adelaide Sinclair's account of the trip of the Convention Special train will be appreciated by Thetas from Chicago and points east who were the last survivors of Theta troop trains. They were delivered to the Banff convention in 1964 in a dehydrated condition following a harrowing and hilarious trip on the Soo Line which ran out of water and came up short on food.

A Theta son who reads our Magazine rather carefully has advised us that one of the two Thetas we were unable to identify in the picture of the women's crew at Washington in 1908 was his mother Irene Sommerville Durham, Alpha Lambda. In that same year she was one of the founders of Theta Sigma Phi (now renamed Women in Communications) and was subsequently elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Thank you Nelson Durham.

The University of Idaho makes an annual study of the characteristics of "drop out" students. Place of residence is one factor considered. It is with considerable satisfaction that we report those living in fraternity/sorority houses had the lowest withdrawal rate of any of the various living arrangements.

## Council Twins!

It is of more than passing interest that twins have been born to a present member of Grand Council, helping to create a youthful image for that group. In November, Hilary Salatch became a first time mother. Hilary is good at everything and we are sure that Emily and Eli will grow up to be a credit to the order as well as to Hilary and Ron Salatch. Another Council member has two toddlers and only two of the remaining eleven are grandmothers . . . so there you are.

The picture of Mt. Rainier on the cover of the Winter Magazine has prompted a Whitman Theta to suggest we print the names of Thetas who have climbed the mountain . . . and we mean all the way to the top. Sally Mathiasen accomplished this daring feat in July 1976, and she reports that Jan Judy Johnson of Washington State has climbed Mt. Rainier twice.

This issue marks the beginning of the second year for this editor. We have had great cooperation from all concerned with getting out the Magazine. In our first edition we expressed hope for greater readership as a means of "keeping up" with fraternity affairs. Reading the Magazine four times a year could diminish an information gap and stimulate greater interest in the "State of Theta." Besides living in constant fear that the printing industry will go to the metric system, this past year has been a great pleasure.



**Dying: To lose the earth you know, for greater knowing . . .  
to find a land more kind than home.**

— Thomas Wolfe

Marian E. Smith Hunter (Mrs. George G.)  
Adelphi 1927; July 1976  
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Ruth Townley  
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Mildred Morgan  
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Laura Pantzer Vollrath (Mrs. Jean C.)  
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DePauw 1928; February 1976  
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DePauw 1936; October 1976  
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Florida State 1932; October 1976  
Emma Gregg  
Goucher 1907; September 1976  
— Emma K. Lindemuth Norris (Mrs. Alfred)  
Goucher 1915; August 1976  
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South Dakota 1951; March 1976  
Beatrice Mary Fox  
Southern California 1893; July 1976  
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Southern California 1922; August 1976  
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Hazel Stokes  
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Vermont 1921; September 1976  
Dorothy Votey  
Vermont 1913; August 1976  
June Holm Hall (Mrs. Stephen M.)  
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Cynthia Monroe  
Washburn 1919; October 1976

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Washington-St. Louis 1909; April 1976  
Nell Horner  
Washington-St. Louis 1906; Sept. 1976  
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(Mrs. Robert C.)  
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Wisconsin 1936; January 1976  
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Wisconsin 1918; January 1976  
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Wooster 1913; June 1976



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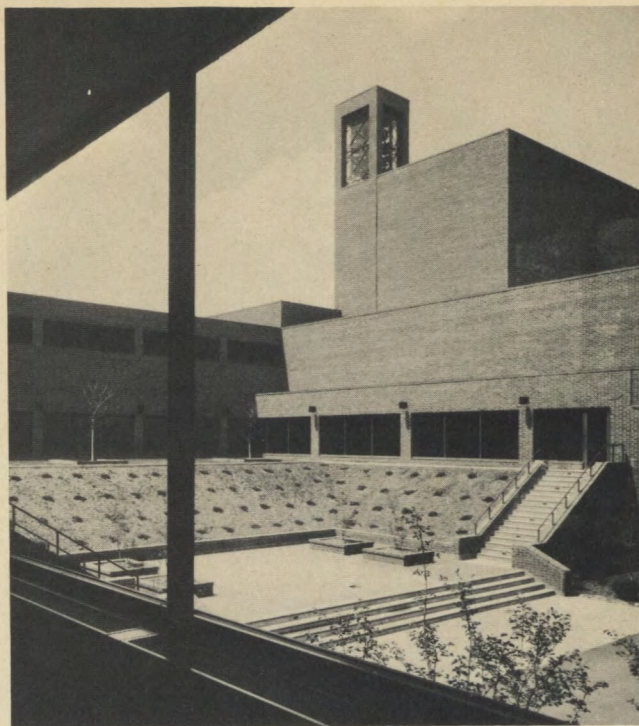


## WATCH OUR GARDEN GROW

As Kappa Alpha Theta approached its centennial anniversary, a special Centennial Committee headed by Mary Forest Brandriff, and Grand Council began making plans for the observance months before January 1970. Thetas were thinking of a lasting memorial to the founders of our fraternity to be presented to DePauw University where the two Betties, Hannah and Alice began the first Greek letter fraternity for women in 1870.

The Foundation Trustees and Grand Council approved the concept of a Founders' Memorial Garden in the fall of 1969. What could be more appropriate than a growing memorial available for all to enjoy! The college chapters played a significant role in providing the financial impetus that transformed dreams into a landscape architect's rendition. Junior memberships were available at that time through the Foundation and they provided planning money for the garden. Added to this, each member of every college chapter was urged to give what she could toward the garden fund so that this would truly be a gift from young Thetas enjoying the benefits of fraternity membership at the time of our Centennial. Each donor signed her name on special chapter sheets which were bound into a book and retained in the Kappa Alpha Theta archives. Funds for the construction of the garden were provided by the Foundation from unrestricted gifts.

DePauw University gratefully accepted the idea for such a garden to become part of the landscaping for a new performing arts center, then on the drawing boards. The first check, along with the rendition of the garden was presented to the President of the University, William H. Kerstetter by Jeanne Henkel Seefeld, president of the Theta Foundation, when Thetas returned to DePauw in January 1970 for the centennial observance.



*The Founders' Memorial Garden viewed from one of the three sides of the Performing Arts Center which surrounds it.*

It was six years before the performing arts center was completed. Along the way the Foundation watched its growth and when the final plans were submitted by the landscape architect in charge of the building, the fraternity knew a living and beautiful memorial to our founders was in the making.

The building and the garden are striking architecturally, with the garden forming a courtyard visible from three sides of the building and providing not only a place for students to relax and converse, but also a small amphitheater for outdoor performances by music, drama or dance groups. In the courtyard are four raised planters, each containing a flowering tree surrounded by flowers and boxed in with brick, providing seating areas. On each planter is a plaque bearing the words, "Kappa Alpha Theta Founder", followed by the name of one of the founders and her class at DePauw—"Bettie Locke Hamilton, Class of 1871; Alice Allen Brant, Class of 1871; Bettie Tipton Lindsey, Class of 1872; Hannah Fitch Shaw, Class of 1873."

Four "serviceberry" trees in the planters on the courtyard floor mark the four founders, and we are told these are the first trees to flower in the spring in Indiana and may reach a height of thirty feet, to define the patio area and offer opportunity for semiprivacy to small groups who can use the low walls for seating.

As anyone who has ever planted a garden knows, the beginnings may look a little sparse until warm sunshine and gentle rains bring into full bloom the young plants and trees. Just as Kappa Alpha Theta began a dream of only four young women and grew to its present stature, so will our lovely memorial to them grow and serve the campus community of DePauw University.



# FOUNDERS' MEMORIAL DEDICATION



*Alpha members sit on the north steps to rest and read . . . l. to r.: Amy Daganhardt, Sandy Berlo and Betsy Hirsch.*

*Photos by DePauw News Bureau, and Herbert L. Garrard.*



*Entering the Memorial Garden, l. to r.: Sheryl Boyd, Marie Fitz, Sandy Berlo, Jane Thomas, Dorothy Heard, Amy Daganhardt, Catherine McCord, Elizabeth Eitel, Mary Margaret Garrard, Martha Bauer, Sue Supple.*

*October 9, 1976*

**"We who are returning here today are elated with the finished product."**



*Taking a break from the whirlwind of activities are Dorothy Heard, Marie Fitz, Sue Supple and Sandy Berlo. They are sitting on the planter honoring Hanna Fitch Shaw.*





*Left, Foundation President Dorothy Heard with DePauw's acting president Robert H. Farber and Grand President Marie Fitz reading the plaque placed by the University acknowledging the gift of the garden.*



Kappa Alpha Theta Memorial Garden DePauw University gratefully acknowledges the generous gift of the Performing Arts Center Memorial Garden given by the world-wide membership of the Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity which was founded at DePauw University, January 27, 1870.

*Dedicated October 9, 1976*



*President Marie Fitz and Bernice Allen Jones, niece of Alice Allen Brant, looking at plaque honoring founder Alice Allen.*

In 1932, one of the Founders remarked: "We realized (sixty four years ago) we were not going to college for ourselves but for all those women who would follow afterward."



*Thetas and DePauw alumni gather in the garden court for dedication ceremonies.*



## OLD GOLD DAY AT DEPAUW

"We know the University has an ideal Performing Arts Center and Theta a fitting memorial for its Founders . . . Kappa Alpha Theta hopes this garden spot will prove to be a continuing haven and inspiration." With these words, Dorothy Heard, President of the Foundation dedicated the Founders' Memorial Garden to students of DePauw, present and future. It was Old Gold Day, October 9, 1976 and the alumnae returned for their traditional autumn weekend in Greencastle. The dedication of the Performing Arts Center was a special feature of homecoming. It was likewise special for another women's fraternity, Alpha Chi Omega which also claims DePauw as its birthplace. The Carillon which is incorporated into the Performing Arts Center is Alpha Chi Omega's gift to DePauw. The Alpha Chi Carillon and the Theta Garden are so intertwined with the new building as to be equally complimentary to the Center. The bell tower can be seen overlooking the garden in the picture on page 43.

Grand President Marie Fitz represented the fraternity. JoAnn Thompson, immediate past president of the Foundation and her committee of Sue Supple, Grand Council; Mary Margaret Garrard, former Foundation member; and Greencastle Thetas Elizabeth Ietel and Catherine McChord were present.

Descendants of the Founders attending the dedication were Bettie Locke Hamilton's granddaughter, Genevieve Hartley Cones and her daughter Carol Cones Taylor, and Bernice Allen Jones, niece of Alice Allen Brant.

### Theta Heritage at Alpha

"Life at the Alpha chapter house is a combination of excitement and awesome responsibility" as president Sandy Berlo describes it. Sandy and approximately 80 Alpha sisters respond instinctively to the honor and challenge of perpetuating Kappa Alpha Theta at DePauw, where it came into being 107 years ago.

Alpha members rose to the occasion again at Old Gold weekend, 1976 and were hostesses to alumnae at dinner Friday night and at a reception following the dedication Saturday morning. Amy Daganhardt was chairman of these events. The Alpha chapter house holds such treasures as the archives, original composites, pictures of the first house, the original loyalty oath book, and Bettie Locke Hamilton's pin which are the heritage of the entire fraternity. As custodians, Alpha members are proud to display them to visiting Thetas. They urge all Thetas to visit DePauw and the Memorial Garden when in the vicinity. Alpha chapter will always welcome alumnae and show them points of interest including the Meharry Hall where our founders braved the derision of their male classmates when they appeared at Chapel wearing their brand new Theta badges.

*Indianapolis alumnae l. to r.: Cynthia Miller, Marlene Fontana and Marty Copher are welcomed to Alpha chapter by Connie Chadwick and Alison Fight.*



*Carol Cones Taylor and her mother Genevieve Hartley Cones, both members of Alpha and descendants of Bettie Locke Hamilton, standing in front of fireplace in the Alpha chapter house.*



*Julie McWhirter, Alpha, television impressionist-actress returned to her alma mater to take part in the variety entertainment featured at Old Gold Day, shown with her Theta mother Margaret Jennings McWhirter examining an old loving cup.*



*Dedication visitors resting on the stairs at Alpha chapter are l. to r.: Sue Supple, Grand Council; Candace Hammond, Alpha Advisor; Barbara Harder, former Foundation Trustee; and Dorothy Reehling, ADP I.*





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